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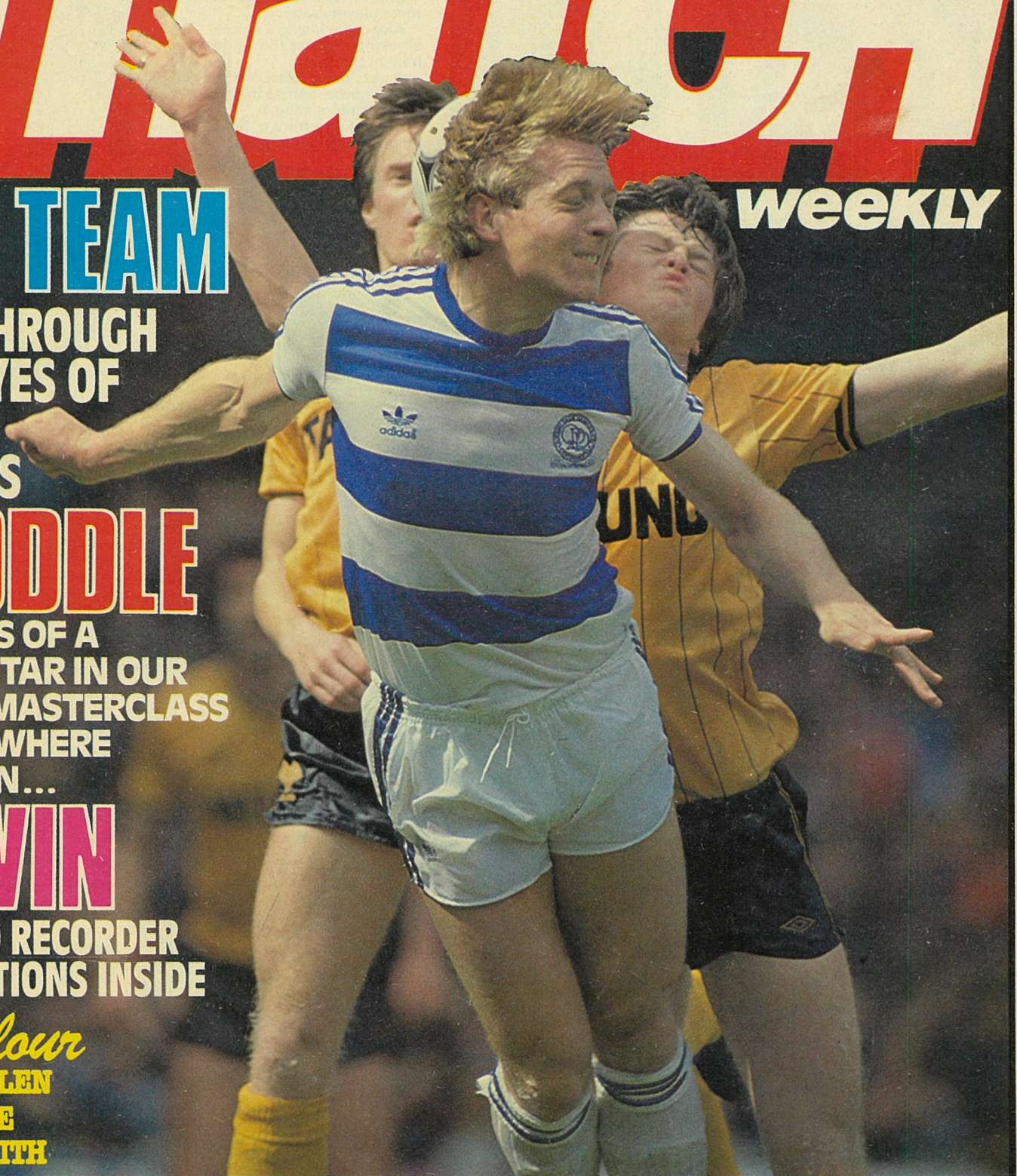
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Kenny Burns likes being with his family.

LOVE 'EM OR HATE 'EM?
'Match' reveals the pet hates and first loves of the top names in soccer . . . with a smile.

WITH Leicester's Larry May it's salad cream or milk.

In the case of Alan Curbishley of Aston Villa it's wet and windy mornings.

And when it comes to new Arsenal star Charlie Nicholas the answer is: Davie Provan with his false teeth in!

The dislikes of the stars are many, varied, and now and then, more than a little bizarre.

But it's cigarettes that make most players see red.

Alongside losing a match, smoking ranks as the biggest pet hate of the stars.

An exclusive 'Match' survey of 50 top soccer names makes for fascinating reading . . .

More than a third of them singled out smoking or



Paul Cooper — praying for a winner?

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FRONT COVER: OPR centre-half
Steve Wicks heads clear against
Wolves. Rangers, as their bosses
see them, are featured in 'My
Team' — Pages 8 and 9.



Forest's Ian Wallace and his
dog Blue. They like nothing
better than a good walk
together.

smoke-filled rooms as their major
dislike including Birmingham's
Mick Harford, Chelsea's David
Speedie and Newcastle's Imre
Varadi.

And in many cases, smoking
went hand in hand with rude,
ignorant or arrogant people Derek
Statham (W.B.A.), Gary Shelton
(Sheff. Wed), Mark Lawrenson
(Liverpool), Noel Blake
(Birmingham) and Richard Gough
(Dundee Utd) all point the finger at
that combination.

Washing — whether it be dishes
and plates or cars — is not a
favourite among the stars either.

Neither Celtic's Paul McStay or
Wolves Kenny Hibbitt get much
enjoyment around the sink after
Sunday lunch . . . and don't expect to
see Manchester United's
Gordon McQueen smiling if he's
washing his car!

In fact cars play quite a big part
in upsetting the stars in one way
or another.

Our advice is to avoid getting
behind Q.P.R.'s Terry Fenwick,
Liverpool's Ian Rush or Ipswich
Town's Steve McCall in a traffic
queue — they hate 'em!

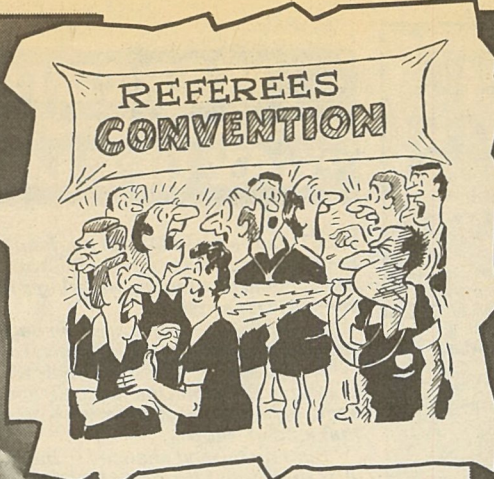
Just to be different, new Chelsea
player-coach John Hollins singles
out the Blackwall Tunnel in the
mornings as the bane of his life.

Working around the home
doesn't rate too highly either.

Kevin Reeves of Manchester City
is no Percy Thrower in the garden
and Tony Galvin adds
do-it-yourself jobs inside the home
to his dislikes.

Food doesn't escape a mention.

Don't offer Aston Villa's Allan
Evans liver or kidney if you invite
him to dinner and watch the gravy
if Nottingham Forest's Viv



Bad referees are not popular with the stars.

Left: Davie Provan — Charlie Nicholas likes him best with his teeth out!

Right: Gordon McQueen — hates washing the car.

THE STARS

TOP PLAYERS NAME THEIR LIKES AND DISLIKES

Anderson comes to lunch.

Asa Hartford of Manchester City? Well, he's obviously had trouble with fish bones at one time or another!

Bad weather, bad referees, hooliganism, bad television, waiting around at airports, even wasps, all get a mention.

But new Highbury star Charlie Nicholas gets the prize for the most original dislike... Celtic's Davie Provan with his false teeth in!

Says Charlie: "I like him better with them out!"

While Charlie goes for the toothless look, the biggest favourites with the stars — winning apart — are eating out and good music. Terry Fenwick, David Speedie and Alan Curbishley all agree on that.

And despite the threat of traffic jams, driving is popular with the big names — among them Watford's Jan Lohman and Everton's Adrian Heath.

Walking — with or without the dog — rates a mention too from such names as Ian Wallace of Nottingham Forest, Ray Stewart and Mark Lawrenson.

Being home with the family, away from the glare of publicity, ranks high on the list of likes with Kenny Hibbitt and Noel Blake.

But it's a flutter on the horses that Newcastle's Terry McDermott and Ipswich Town's Paul Cooper most look forward too.

Leicester's Mark Wallington and Sheffield Wednesday's Gary



Viv Anderson — gravy gourmet.

Shelton break with tradition by naming gardening a favourite pastime but for Paul McStay, nothing beats a good laugh.

Asa Hartford? Well he'd probably be happy if you just gave him a packet of salt and vinegar crisps!

| Player | Dislikes | Likes |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mark Chamberlain (Stoke) | Losing/bad referees | Scoring goals/winning |
| David Speedie (Chelsea) | Smoking/hooligans | Eating out |
| Jan Lohman (Watford) | Dishonest people | Driving/music |
| Mick Harford (Birmingham) | Smoking | Going home |
| Paul McStay (Celtic) | Smoking/washing up | Laughing/music |
| Kenny Burns (Leeds) | Long coach trips | Being with the family/days off |
| Adrian Heath (Everton) | Losing/smokey rooms | Driving/good music |
| Derek Statham (West Brom) | Smoking/ignorant people | Relaxing/driving |
| Ian Wallace (Forest) | Injuries/losing | Videos/walking the dog |
| Terry Fenwick (QPR) | Smoking/London traffic | Winning/quiet night out |
| Gary Shelton (Sheff. Wed.) | Smoking/rude people | Music/gardening |
| Allan Evans (Aston Villa) | Smoking/liver and bacon | Taking the children swimming |
| Mark Wright (Southampton) | Trainer's whistle/smoking | All sports |
| Tony Galvin (Spurs) | Gardening/DIY | Tiswas/eating out |
| Ian Rush (Liverpool) | Losing/traffic jams | Winning/music |
| Terry McDermott (Newcastle) | False people/losing | Horse racing/honest people |
| Graham Roberts (Spurs) | Flying/smokey rooms | Old movies/eating out |
| Dave Watson (Norwich) | Flash people/losing | Winning/eating out |
| Andy Ritchie (Leeds) | Long coach trips | Winning/music |
| Gordon McQueen (Man. Utd) | Shaving/washing the car | Milk/Scotland |
| Ray Stewart (West Ham) | Dancing/smoking | Walking/driving |
| John Hollins (Chelsea) | Blackwall Tunnel | Travelling to new places |
| Steve McCall (Ipswich) | Cold weather/traffic jams | Driving/hot weather |
| Mark Lawrenson (Liverpool) | Bad manners/smoking | Sunshine/walking the dog |
| Trevor Brooking (West Ham) | Smoking/airport lounges | Cinema/records |
| Viv Anderson (Forest) | Lumpy gravy/smoking | Good company and meal |
| Paul Cooper (Ipswich) | Wasps/airport | ITV Seven/playing cards |
| Kenny Hibbitt (Wolves) | Washing up/shopping | Wife and children |
| Imre Varadi (Newcastle) | Being late/smoking | Music/driving |
| Asa Hartford (Man. City) | Fish bones/smoking | My kids/salt & vinegar crisps |
| Richard Gough (Dundee Utd) | Rude people/smoking | Walking the dog/sport on TV |
| Geoff Pike (West Ham) | Traffic/hooligans | Classical music |
| Mark Hateley (Portsmouth) | Injuries | Cars/food |
| Nick Holmes (Southampton) | Shaving/travelling | Eating out |
| Charlie Nicholas (Arsenal) | Davie Provan with his teeth in | Davie Provan with his teeth out |
| Alex Williams (Man. City) | Hangers on | Meeting people/driving |
| Billy Stark (Aberdeen) | Smoking/injuries | Eating out |
| Pat Bonner (Celtic) | Losing | Golf/long sleep |
| Gary Megson (Sheff. Wed.) | Mean, selfish people | Eating out/holidays |
| David O'Leary (Arsenal) | Injuries | Holidays/eating out |
| Gary Lineker (Leicester) | Away trips | Winning/scoring goals |
| Alan Curbishley (Aston Villa) | Wet, windy mornings | Music/eating out |
| Leighton James (Sunderland) | Losing/smoking | Golf/cricket |
| Keith Bertschin (Norwich) | Long coach trips/losing | Fishing/eating out |
| Larry May (Leicester) | Salad cream/milk | Eating/music |
| Eamon Bannon (Dundee Utd) | Losing/bad referees | Winning/walking |
| Simon Stainrod (QPR) | London rush hour traffic | Reading/rock music |
| Adrian Heath (Everton) | Losing/smokey rooms | Driving/music |
| Michael Robinson (Brighton) | Bad TV/losing | TV/winning |
| Kevin Reeves (Man. City) | Smoking/gardening | Reading/playing records |

STAR-STRUCK CHALLENGERS

READERS 15, players 17. That was the final result in our 'Star Challenge' competition last season when competitors were asked to forecast the scores of ten selected matches.

Points were awarded according to the accuracy of the predictions and the top score from the readers was nine, achieved by Glasgow's Paul McCormick when beating Celtic goalkeeper Pat Bonner 9-5 and Hull's Richard Haddlesley when losing 9-10 to Stoke's Mark Chamberlain.

That score of ten by the England winger was the highest recorded by the stars throughout the season.

At the other end of the scale, Colchester's Christopher Streeter and Birmingham's Margaret Harrison only managed one point each when losing to Celtic's Charlie Nicholas and Aston Villa's Allan Evans respectively.

But West Ham's Alan Devonshire suffered the biggest embarrassment when failing to manage even one point against Ulverston's Jeremy Armon. Here's your week-by-week check:

| READER | PLAYER | RESULT |
|----------------------|------------------|--------|
| Robert Townsley | Trevor Brooking | 3-6 |
| Robert Derry | Tony Morley | 5-3 |
| Mark Mitchell | Simon Stainrod | 7-5 |
| Andrew Lockley | Cyrille Regis | 8-7 |
| Peter Patterson | Gerry Armstrong | 4-7 |
| Susan Trick | Asa Hartford | 5-6 |
| Peter Holmes | Jake Findlay | 6-4 |
| Nicola Parlour | Steve Perryman | 5-2 |
| Kevin Skeet | Dave Watson | 4-5 |
| Paul Myers | Imre Varadi | 6-6 |
| Deborah Waldron | Adrian Heath | 5-5 |
| Andrew Raishbrook | Gary Bailey | 5-4 |
| Helen Chadwick | Steve Foster | 6-4 |
| Richard Haddlesley | Mark Chamberlain | 9-10 |
| Elizabeth Jamieson | Bruce Grobbelaar | 5-6 |
| Michelle German | Gordon Davies | 5-6 |
| Peter Cooke | Ray Kennedy | 6-8 |
| Stephen Garrow | Russell Osman | 8-4 |
| Louis Menzies | Jim Blyth | 4-5 |
| David Outtrim | Graeme Sharp | 5-5 |
| Christopher Streeter | Charlie Nicholas | 1-6 |
| Gary Rumsey | Luther Blissett | 5-3 |
| Mark Whittaker | Vince Hilaire | 2-4 |
| Paul Bell | Mel Eves | 6-7 |
| Ian Saunders | Paul Walsh | 5-3 |
| Paul Seear | Steve McCall | 4-3 |
| Margaret Harrison | Allan Evans | 1-7 |
| Claire Stevens | Mark Wright | 7-6 |
| Rodney Marshall | Adrian Burrows | 4-2 |
| Steven York | Gary Lineker | 4-8 |
| Jeremy Armon | Alan Devonshire | 2-0 |
| Nigel Dowling | Arthur Graham | 4-4 |
| Rita Reynolds | Gary Mabbutt | 4-6 |
| Tina O'Neill | Gary Shaw | 4-4 |
| Paul McCormick | Pat Bonner | 9-5 |
| Stephen Drake | Mark Lillis | 3-4 |
| David Plant | Sammy McIlroy | 2-3 |
| Carlos Alvares | Kenny Dalglish | 4-4 |

MARTIN SAYS:

'LAY OFF LUTHER'

WEST Ham's Alvin Martin has leapt to the defence of England team-mate Luther Blissett, who was criticised in certain quarters for squandering a lot of goalscoring chances last season.

"How on earth they can even begin to criticise Luther I just don't know," says the central defender.

"He scored almost thirty goals for Watford in his first season of Division One football, and I know of more than a few experienced strikers who would be delighted with that kind of return.

"Sure he missed chances — but so does every striker. Just think what he might be capable of next season, with the benefit of last season's experiences behind him."

GOOD EVANS!

STEVE'S MOVIE IS OFF

THE proposed deal which would have taken 20-year-old striker Steve Evans from Albion Rovers to Spanish club Seville has fallen through.

Steve, who hit 24 goals for the Coatbridge club last season, was all set to swap the part-time obscurity of the Scottish Second Division for the peseta-laden glamour of Spain when complications barred the dream move.

However, he could still be playing on the Continent next season as Belgian side Bruges are apparently showing an interest.

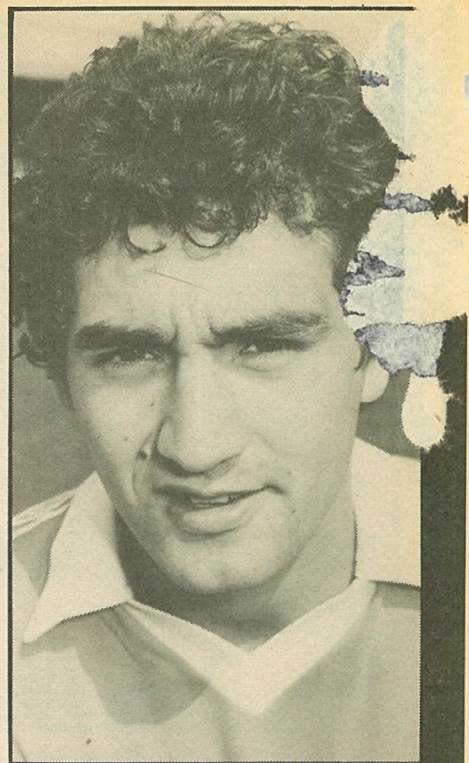
EDDIE'S GOT IT TAPED!

LEEDS player-manager Eddie Gray could be creating a few new set-piece moves... on the club's new computer.

The arrival of the machine at Elland Road is all part of a new sponsorship deal with locally-based firm Systime Computers Ltd.

Part of the agreement for next season provides the club with a computer that will be used to handle all ticket sales and process the accounts.

The firm will also advertise on the club's shirts and the South Stand is to be known as the 'Systime Stand' from next season.



Striker Dave Bamber — trying his First Division luck with Coventry next season.

WHO'S NEXT FOR CITY?

RELEGATED Manchester City are set to appoint their ninth manager in the space of 11 years.

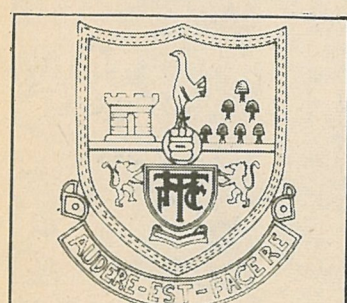
The club recently parted company with John Benson who had held the job for just four months.

But John, who took over from John Bond, claims he's not bitter: "We had a frank discussion and I respect the Board for the way they did things. I was half expecting the sack.

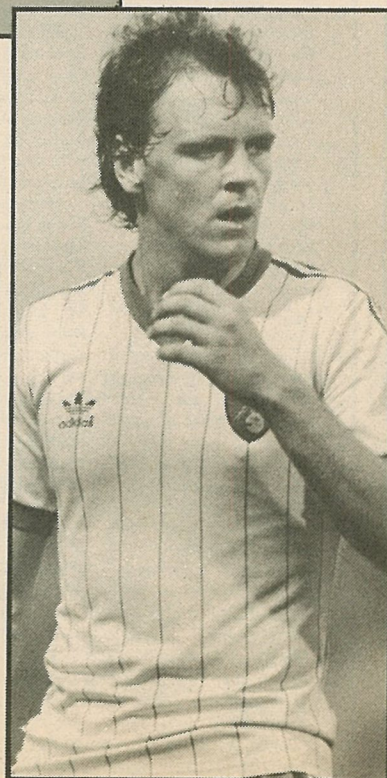
"Once we were relegated and speculation mounted about a change of manager, I knew the writing could be on the wall."

Magical youth

BRAZIL defeated old rivals Argentina 1-0 to win the World Youth Championships in Mexico City. Poland took third place, beating South Korea 2-1 after extra time.



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NORWICH City's John Deehan, whose move from attack to midfield ironically brought him a glut of goals in the final stages of last season, believes more players would relish a switch in roles.

"It happens all the time in training. Strikers love playing in goal, goalkeepers enjoy playing up front and full-backs try their hand at being wingers. In short, it's very much a case of all change," says the former West Brom and Aston Villa striker.

"Obviously I'm not suggesting anything as drastic as that should happen in serious games. But I believe more players should be given the opportunity to prove their versatility.

"Being a 'Mr Versatile' used to be frowned upon by some players. They resented the implication that they were jacks-of-all-trade but masters of none. That's changed.

"With the financial situation in football demanding that playing staffs are reduced, clubs are no longer able to carry the ready-made replacements they always used to have.

"So surely it makes sense for players to be able to slip in and out of one or two roles when the occasion demands it."

Left: John Deehan — nicknamed Bettenga because of the grey streaks in his hair.

DIXIE HAS SWOPPING POWER...

John changed his appearance as well as his role last season and earned himself a new nickname from Manchester United's England skipper Bryan Robson.

"When he saw I'd had grey streaks put in my hair he immediately started calling me Bettenga after the Italian striker," reveals John.

"But if the colour of my hair helps me to continue scoring goals the way Bettenga scored them for both club and country, then I won't mind a bit."

COVENTRY'S new signing Dave Bamber knows that his first six months at Highfield Road will decide whether he is a First Division success or failure. Dave, who makes the giant leap from the Fourth Division to the top flight, admits: "Everything will depend on how I get on in that time." "I haven't been given a guarantee of a first team place. It's time to prove that I am good enough. I only hope that the step isn't too difficult for me."

The striker, who moved to the Midlands from Blackpool for £50,000, finished up as the Fourth Division club's leading scorer last season despite missing most of the campaign through injury.

Ambition

"I'm delighted with the move. It is every player's ambition to try their luck in the First Division," says Dave, who has signed a two-year contract at Coventry. "I hadn't asked for a move from Bloomfield Road. I had another year of my contract to run, but the club's financial position is such that they can't really afford to turn down any realistic offer for their players."

BAMBER'S BIG TEST

"The Blackpool chairman has been quoted as saying that my sale has made sure that the club will stay in business for the next six months. The situation is as serious as that."

Last season was a disaster for once-proud Blackpool and they had to seek re-election to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.

"It was very depressing for the players. As well as the results going against us there was extra pressure caused by talk of the club folding."

"I can't see the situation getting any better because Blackpool can't afford to get any new players. Next season could be make or break for them."

The 24-year-old, who joined

Blackpool three years ago, was linked with FA Cup Finalists Brighton. The south coast club wanted to take him on the club tour of America and give him a trial.

"The deal fell through because Blackpool were against any idea of a trial. They wanted the club to buy me or pull out."

"I'm not disappointed because it has worked out well for me. I've got a chance to prove myself in the First Division."

Bobby Gould, who was appointed manager at Coventry in the close season, got to know all about Dave's striking capabilities while he was player-coach at Aldershot and Bristol Rovers' manager.

Dundee United shop around

SCOTTISH champions Dundee United are casting their net far and wide in search of new talent and they look set to capture two exciting youngsters from Australia and Canada.

Rod Brown, who helped Australia's youth team beat Scotland in the recent World Championships in Mexico, and Jim Easton, a naturalised Canadian whose father played for Dundee and Hibernian, are on manager Jim McLean's shopping list.

Striker Rod will travel to Dundee for trials at the end of the Australian season. Meanwhile Jim will arrive at Tannadice for pre-season training after playing in America with Tampa Bay Rowdies and much is expected of this 6ft-plus midfielder player. "I'm delighted he is coming to Tannadice," says manager McLean. "I'm confident he has what it takes to establish himself in Scotland."

PRESTON FEEL THE PINCH

PRESTON manager Gordon Lee, explaining his remarkable decision to release 18 players, says: "I had to take a chance on losing some good players, but it was financially necessary."

"What I've done is release every player who had come to the end of his contract. League rules state we must offer the same or better terms to every retained player, but while they played tremendously well to pull clear of relegation last season, we couldn't afford to keep those players on their present salaries."

"Some of the lads have been offered new terms, but they are free to look around for another club, so we must just wait and see."

"I hope they will eventually re-sign but it all boils down to money. We can only offer what we can afford."

"What I'm looking for is a top class centre-forward and a top class centre-half who'll come and play for me for about £50 per week," he quipped.

GOAL TALLY

A TOTAL of 730 goals were scored in the three European club competitions last season... an average of 2.89 per game.

That represented a slight drop on the previous season when the average was 2.92.

Of the 252 matches played last season, there were 199 wins (145

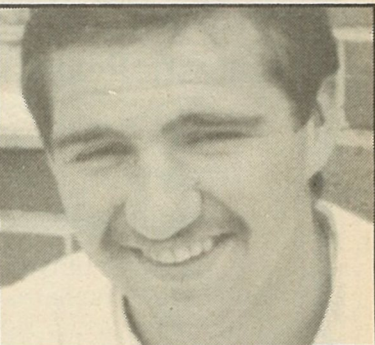
at home, 52 away wins plus two on neutral grounds), and 53 draws.

In thirteen cases, the away goals were decisive and in one tie a team qualified thanks to a goal scored away during extra time.

Six matches were decided after extra time and one after penalty kicks.

PADDY'S POST

 PADDY Mulligan, former Chelsea, Crystal Palace and West Brom full-back, has been appointed manager of Galway Rovers.
 Capped 51 times by Eire, Paddy has been looking for an opening after an unhappy year coaching and managing in Greece with Panathiniakos.
 He returned last October to resume his accountancy career in Leighton Buzzard.



■ Few sportsmen today successfully combine cricket and football at a professional level. But 19-year-old Warren Joyce (above), whose father Walter played for Blackburn and Oldham, is out to join that select band. He forced his way into the Bolton side towards the end of last season and is now impressing Lancashire officials with his performances for the county's second eleven.

(sub. Thomas), Pickering, Lee, Osman, Butcher, Gregory, Francis, Walsh, Cowans, Barnes.

CANADA 0
 SCOTLAND 2 (Gray A 2)

■ STEVE Whitton helped himself to a hat-trick as Coventry slammed Zimbabwe Dynamo 5-1. Steve Jacobs and Martin Singleton got the others.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

■ JIM McLaughlin, who quit for a fresh challenge elsewhere, has had a re-think and is now staying as manager of Dundalk.

A former Northern Ireland winger, whose career was spent at Shrewsbury and Swansea, Jim has led the Border club into Europe in virtually every one of his nine seasons at Oriel Park.

■ CRYSTAL Palace will be the focus of a spectacular sporting event on July 16 and 17 — The London Youth Games. The Games are a mini-Olympics in which 8,000 competitors between the ages of eight and 21 take part in 25 sports.

All 33 London boroughs enter the Games which are sponsored by Programmes Ltd., the largest telephone marketing company in Europe.

International Match Facts

Wednesday, June 15
 AUSTRALIA (0) 0
 ENGLAND (0) 1 (Walsh 55)
 Att: 10,000 (in Brisbane)
 Australia: Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor S., Watson, Cant, Kosmina, Katholos (sub. Murphy), O'Connor P. (sub. Mitchell).
 England: Shilton, Neal, Statham (sub. Williams), Barham, Osman, Butcher, Gregory, Francis, Walsh, Cowans, Barnes.

Thursday, June 16
 CANADA 0
 SCOTLAND 3 (Nicholas, Gough, Souness)

Sunday, June 19
 AUSTRALIA (1) 1 (Neal og 32)
 ENGLAND (1) 1 (Francis 25)
 Att: 20,000 (in Melbourne)
 Australia: Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor S., Watson, Cant, Kosmina, O'Connor P., Murphy.
 England: Shilton (sub. Spink), Neal

ALLY McCoist is back in Scotland with the club he rejected three times.

Premier Division Rangers have finally captured Ally after a series of refusals. He said:

- NO! When he preferred minnows St Johnstone to the Glasgow giants as a schoolboy.
- NO! When he chose Sunderland and the English First Division two years ago.
- NO! When he first heard of Rangers' latest interest.

But now the 20-year-old has been lured to the team he supported as a kid even though he admits: "I didn't want to leave Sunderland."

"When manager Alan Durban said he had agreed terms, I told him I didn't want to go. I was very happy at Sunderland."

"But after two minutes in the company of John Greig at Rangers, I changed my mind. The set-up is unbelievable and John struck me as a fantastic person — very honest and straightforward."

Ally caused a sensation two years ago when, at 18 and an unknown South of the border, he moved to Sunderland in a £400,000 deal.

But he wasn't able to establish himself as a regular member of the first team. Last season he played just 19 full games and scored six goals.

He says: "My spell at Sunderland was like serving an apprenticeship. When I joined the club I was a part-timer. I was very raw and had a lot to learn."

"I knew it would be tough in the First Division but it proved to be much harder than I expected."

"In many ways I'm disappointed to be leaving England because I was really looking forward to next season. I felt that it could be the big breakthrough for me."

At long last, Rangers get their man...

ALLY SAYS 'AYE'

"That's why my first reaction to the proposed move to Rangers was to say no. I wanted to prove myself down here," says Ally, who cost Rangers over £200,000.

"I'm a better player for my spell in England. I'm much sharper and my control has improved a great deal."

Ally believes that manager Alan Durban was forced to sell him so that he could raise money to buy new players. He says: "There's only one or two players that he could get cash for so when Rangers came in with an offer, he had to accept."

"The move came right out of the blue. I

went to the ground to collect some kit and the manager asked me into his office and hit me with the news. I hadn't heard any transfer talk."

"Rangers are the only club I'd have left Sunderland for. When I was a kid I watched them from the terraces and dreamed of playing for them."

"Although Rangers reached two cup finals last season, they have been through a lean spell in the last few years. I'd love to help bring back the glory days. The fans and club deserve some success."

"The manager is still looking to strengthen his squad and I expect to see one or two other new faces arrive at Ibrox before the start of the season."

Rivalry between Glasgow giants Rangers and Celtic is legendary and Ally can't wait for his first 'Auld Firm' encounter. He says: "I've watched a few but playing in one must be a fantastic experience."

"It's the greatest derby in the world and it means so much more to me because I was born and bred in the Glasgow area."

Ally is excited by the prospect of playing Scottish League football and he says: "The Premier Division is much stronger now than it was when I left two years ago."

"Clubs like Aberdeen, St Mirren and Dundee United have established themselves as top class sides and that's got to be good for the game. It makes the whole scene that more competitive."

Ally, who signed a three-year contract with Rangers, started his career at St Johnstone as a midfielder but switched to striker and attracted the top clubs by scoring 23 goals in his first full season up front.

He says: "I'm happy to play in either position and I haven't discussed my role at Rangers with John Greig."

The youngster leaves Sunderland predicting a bright future for the Roker Park club. He says: "In a couple of years I believe they will be capable of challenging for honours."

"They have got some very good young players in the likes of Barry Venison, Nick Pickering and Colin West."

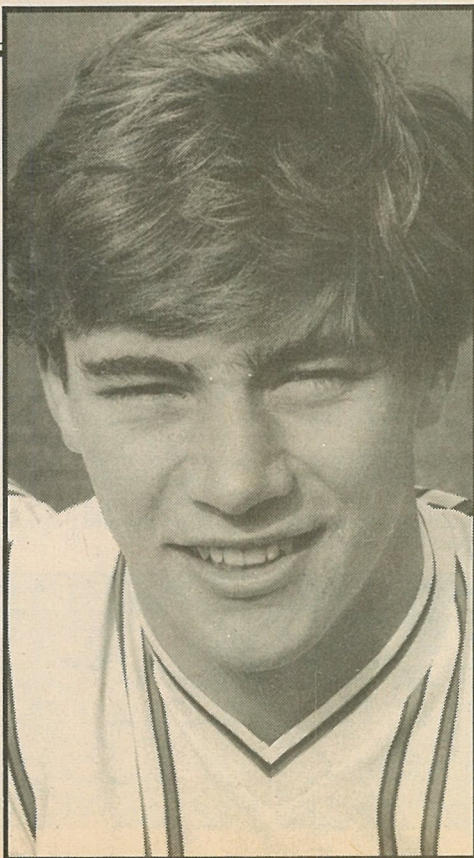
Ally believes that the influence of experienced veterans Frank Worthington and Welsh international Leighton James did the Sunderland players a world of good last season.

He says: "They settled us down. Before they arrived we were rushing around too much. If we took the lead we rarely kept it."

"But Frank and Leighton taught us the worth of patience. They were very good at holding the ball and not giving it away."

Ally admits he's disappointed to be leaving the First Division but he says: "Although it's too early to think of a return now, I'm still young enough to have another go."

Left: New signing Ally McCoist admits: "At first I didn't want to go to Rangers."



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This week's clues appear in the Entry Form below. All four lead to the same ground. Write your answer in the space provided, cut out the form and keep it safe with the completed forms from our previous two issues.

You will need all four forms to win that Sinclair Spectrum computer and Football Manager program that comes with it.

Each week clue four will be a mystery player clue. Not only does it help you identify the

ground, it also gives you the chance to win bonus treasure.

If you think you know who the player is then write his name on a postcard and send it without delay to Match Weekly Treasure Trail, Postal Poser, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough.

Your entry (a letter will do if you haven't got a postcard handy) must reach us by Tuesday July 5, after which the draw will be made.

The senders of the first 20 correct cards picked out of the total mailbag received up to then will each win a pocket radio. The next 30 correct cards will each be rewarded with a super pack of programmes.

Treasure Trail is another exclusive from Match Weekly, so if you haven't already ordered your regular copy you'll find a special form on the opposite page.

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IF YOU know the identity of the mystery player in Clue 4 (see the picture below), write his name on a postcard, together with your own name, age and full address and send it to Match Weekly Treasure Trail, Postal Poser, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DZ.

Entries must arrive no later than first post on Tuesday, June 28. The first 20 correct cards picked out of the mailbag on Tuesday morning will each win a pocket radio. The next 30 correct cards each wins a pack of programmes.

If you haven't got a postcard handy, a letter will do.

IMPORTANT

KEEP this completed entry form safe, together with the form from last week's issue. You'll need them to win the Sinclair Spectrum home computer (16K). Look out for another Treasure Trail in next week's Match Weekly . . . the magazine where the action never stops.

TREASURE TRAIL ENTRY FORM

Clue 1: A chirpy sounding team plays here.

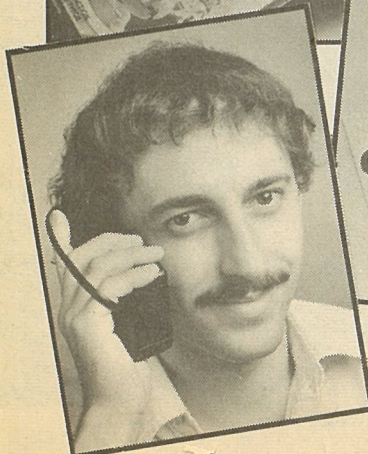
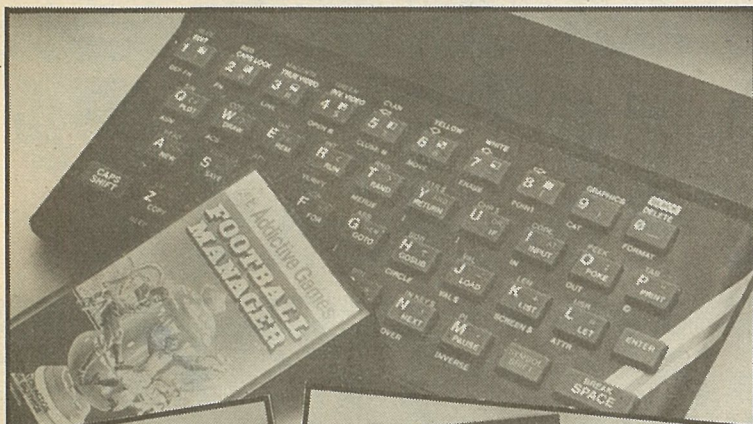
Clue 2: Two players have 'flown the nest' for a million pounds each in the last four seasons.

Clue 3: This club's centre half sounds like a famous England international.

Clue 4: The player pictured is currently a member of the team that plays here.

The name of the ground is

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A treasure chest of prizes — pocket radios, packs of programmes and a Sinclair Spectrum home computer with Football Manager program.

'MY TEAM' turns the spotlight on Second Division Champions Queen's Park Rangers.

This week managerial duo Terry Venables and Allan Harris talk frankly about their team with a fascinating player-by-player profile.



by Allan Harris and Terry Venables

THE pressure was on QPR from the very start. After reaching the FA Cup Final the year before, we were expected to win promotion.

But the lads, especially the younger ones showed great character and never buckled under those high expectations.

Last season we didn't have an FA Cup run to worry about. Going out in the Third Round at West Brom in January was a blessing in disguise. It meant we only had one thing to concentrate on.

We didn't just want to win promotion... we wanted to go up as Champions. As our Wembley exploits taught us, people only remember winners.

It shows the strength of our squad at Loftus Road when you consider established names like Clive Allen, Mike Flanagan, Steve Wicks and Glenn Roeder all struggled to get back into the first team after starting the season on the sidelines.

The First Division will be new territory for most of the players, but youngsters like Peter Hucker, Warren Neill and Ian Dawes will relish the higher level. The extra limelight attracted by the First Division could give them the opportunity to make England careers for themselves.

It's going to be trial and error for us and the players will obviously make mistakes but, after



Rangers management duo Allan Harris (left) and Terry Venables.



winning the Second Division Championship, they have faith in their ability. They know they can succeed.

We are not going to the top flight next season thinking of consolidation. QPR are an ambitious club. We want to do another Watford and finish in the top six.

PETER HUCKER (23): It's hard to believe that the lad hasn't been mentioned as a possible successor to Shilton and Clemence in the England team. He is one of the best goalkeepers in the country.

Peter has a great attitude — he is cool, calm and collected without being casual. His biggest asset is in one-against-one situations. He is quick off his line and pulls off fabulous saves.

WARREN NEILL (20): Very fit and has bags of energy. Since playing in the FA Cup Final Replay, he has come on in leaps and bounds.

The right-back is very good at going forward, has a great first touch and can hit the ball with either foot. We've had to work on his defensive duties but that has improved 60 per cent. A great player to have in your side because he'd die for you.

IAN DAWES (20): On the small side for a full-back, he's stockily built like Arsenal's Kenny Sansom. A very determined player, he wants to get to the very top.

Ian reads the game well and can spot trouble early on and sort it out.

BOB HAZELL (24): Won his place at the beginning of last season because of injuries to Wicks and Roeder, but established himself as a regular in the side.

The former Wolves defender is good in the air and very quick on the ground. He can get himself out of trouble because he's so nifty. A very dangerous man to have around at set pieces.

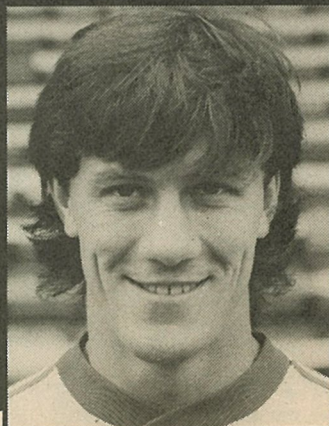
TERRY FENWICK (23): QPR skipper and the sort whose name is first on the team sheet. You build your side around the likes of him.

Terry is pushing for a full England cap and next season in Division One could see him

Goalkeeper Peter Hucker — tipped to be a successor to Shilton and Clemence.

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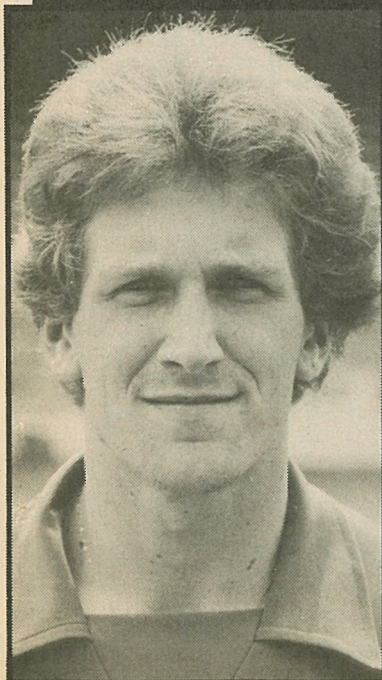
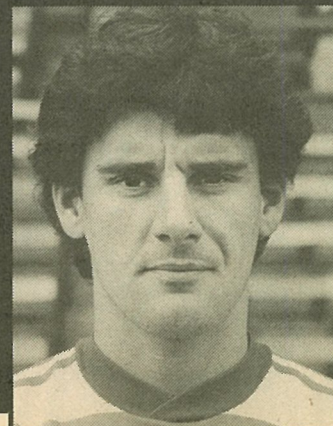
Simon Stainrod — the new Rodney Marsh at QPR.



Tony Sealy — has the rest of the team in stitches with his impersonations.



The 'old man' — John Gregory.



achieve that goal. He's a very versatile player and a tremendous leader. Coming from Newcastle, which breeds winners, he is very determined.

STEVE WICKS (26): Very close to making the England tour of Australia and next season he could prove himself to be as good a centre-half as Ipswich Town's Terry Butcher.

Unlucky to miss two thirds of last season through injury but he bounced back to be part of our promotion run-in. A good header of the ball, he's also got a good left foot.

GLENN ROEDER (27): Even though he was glad the club won promotion to the First Division, I'm sure that Glenn was happy to see the back of last season. It was ruined by injury and, when he recovered, he couldn't force his way back into the side.

A very versatile player, he's happy at sweeper, central defender, full-back or in midfield. He has good control and can read the game well.

GARY WADDOCK (20): A great little tackler and ball-winner, Gary is in the Dave Mackay

mould — he goes in where others fear to tread.

Because of his tenacity, people tend to overlook his skill on the ball. He's got more than he is given credit for. He should score more goals, although he was unlucky last season. He hit some screamers only to see them hit the bar or post.

JOHN GREGORY (28):

Nicknamed 'old man' by the younger players, John's England call-up came two years too late, but watch him make up for lost time!

He was deservedly the club's 'Player of the Year' and scored 15 league goals from midfield — that's quite an achievement at any level. The fittest player at the club, he covers a lot of ground in midfield.

GARY MICKLEWHITE (22):

Could have drifted into non-League if we hadn't arrived at Loftus Road. The club were ready to pay up his contract and let him go. We are glad he stayed because he's proved a fine prospect.

Gary is like Man. Utd's Steve Coppell. He gets through a tremendous amount of work on the right flank and is a good crosser of the ball. He gives us width and is the sort of player who is best appreciated when he's not in the side.

MIKE FLANAGAN (30):

Another player who started the season on the treatment table, Mike only came into contention half-way through the season. Like Swansea's Ray Kennedy, he began his career as a striker but has now pushed back into midfield.

He plays on the left side and has a tremendous shot. He is dangerous at set pieces and when he makes a late run into the box. He hasn't lost his striker's nose for goal.

CLIVE ALLEN (21): A very mature lad who has managed to

keep his feet on the ground despite all the £1million transfer traumas. Clive couldn't get back into the side after injury but has shown tremendous character during his spell on the sidelines.

Lethal in the box, Clive scores crucial goals — like the FA Cup Semi-Final winner against West Brom a year ago. His scoring rate is incredible. His average is a goal every other game.

SIMON STAINROD (24): A real extrovert, he's like former QPR favourite Rodney Marsh. Very good in one-against-one situations because he has great close control and is hard to knock off the ball.

A player of his ability should score more goals and he tends to try to do the spectacular instead of simple things. There's nothing he loves more than pushing a ball through a goalkeeper's legs to score.

TONY SEALY (23): Got a lot of stick from the crowd at the start of the season, but showed great character by overcoming that and eventually becoming a favourite with them.

Tony is a real character and has the rest of the team in stitches with his impersonations. He is a livewire around the box, has tremendous pace and is a great finisher.

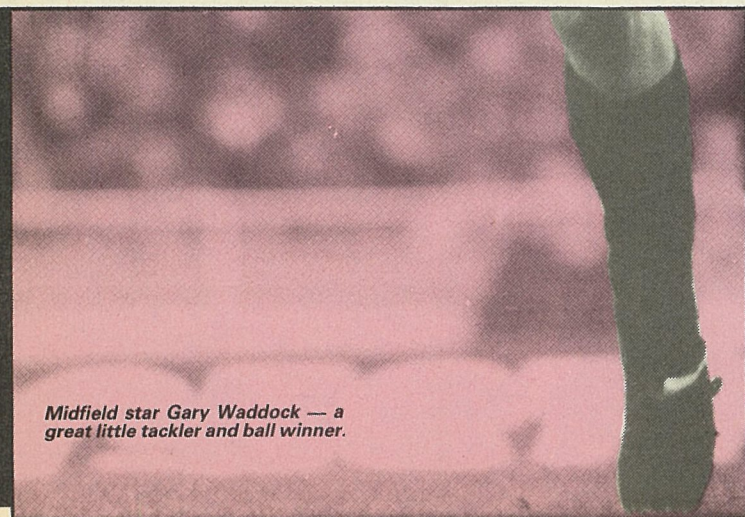
IAN STEWART (19): The Northern Ireland international was allowed to go to Millwall on loan but there's no way we want to sell him. We felt regular first team football would benefit him.

Ian has tremendous ability and is a real handful for defenders, although he does tend to fade towards the end of a game.

WAYNE FEREDAY (19): Didn't play much last season, but Wayne has the ability to have the same impact on the First Division as Liverpool's Ian Rush. He's got so much pace I doubt there's anyone quicker in the Football League.



RISING STARS

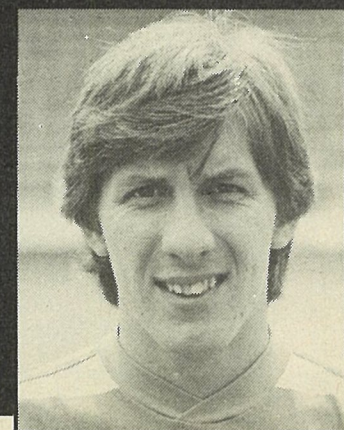


Midfield star Gary Waddock — a great little tackler and ball winner.

Gary Micklewhite — set to be released before the arrival of Harris and Venables.



Warren Neill — young full-back tipped for an England future.



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COLIN LEE Chelsea

John's new challenge with Norwich ...

JUST DEVINE!

DEFENDER John Devine claims he had to leave Arsenal to save his international career.

John, who has joined Norwich on a free transfer, had been in the wilderness of the Highbury reserves for two years and he admits: "It was driving me crazy and my chances of playing for Eire were suffering."

The 24-year-old suddenly fell from favour after establishing himself as Arsenal's regular number two. He is reluctant to discuss fully the reasons for his relegation but says: "It went deeper than football."

"You don't play regularly in the first team for two years and then find yourself out of the reckoning for nothing."

"In the end it was obvious I

had no future there. I wasn't making any headway. After eight years at the club I needed a new challenge."

During John's unhappy spell at Arsenal, Eire manager Eoin Hand kept faith in him, but the player says: "He dropped me for the last game because, of the six players challenging for the defensive duties, I was the only one playing reserve team football."

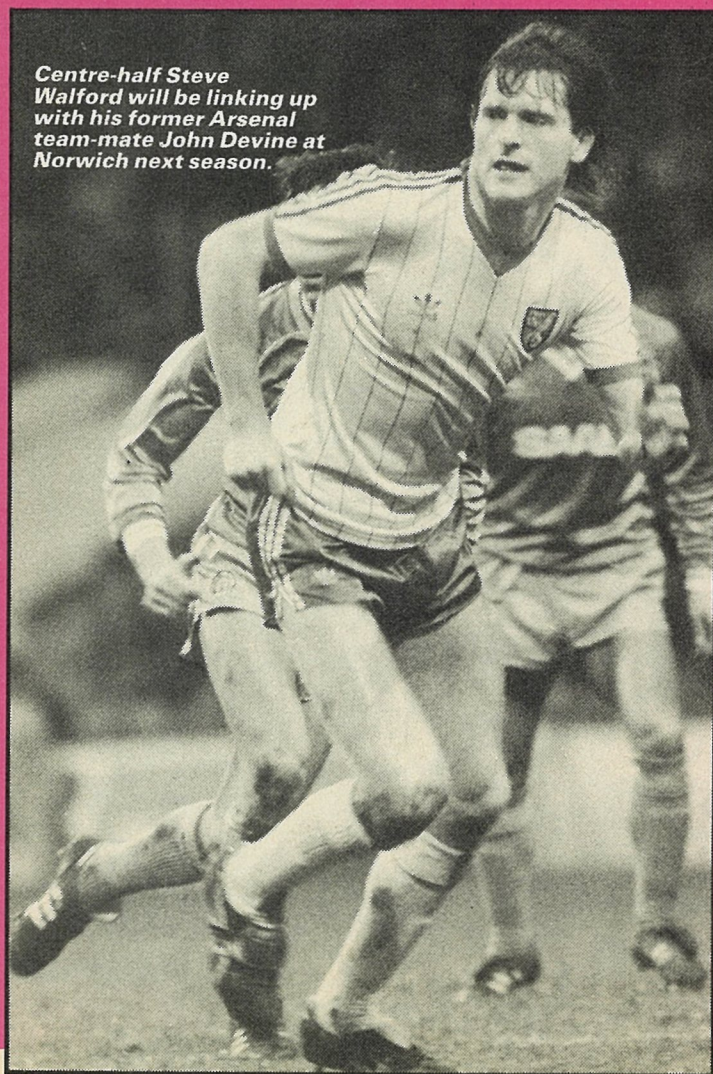
"Playing for Eire is very important to me and I hope my move to Carrow Road can once again establish me as a regular member of the international team."

John turned down offers from Southampton and Notts County to join Norwich and he says: "It's a brilliant move for me and a



Norwich City's new signing John Devine: "Playing in the reserves was driving me crazy."

Centre-half Steve Walford will be linking up with his former Arsenal team-mate John Devine at Norwich next season.



chance to make a completely fresh start.

"Manager Ken Brown and his assistant Mel Machin sold the club to me and it took just a day to tie up all the details," says John, who has signed a three year contract at Carrow Road.

"Norwich also impressed me with their caring attitude. When they heard it was my wedding anniversary they invited my wife and I to stay at a hotel in Norwich for the weekend at their expense."

John believes that his new club could challenge for a place in Europe next season and says: "Norwich have the makings of a very good side and they proved their potential with that marvellous run towards the end of the last campaign."

"They have some very good players. Chris Woods is an excellent goalkeeper and I've always admired the likes of John Deehan, Dave Watson and Keith Bertschin."

John will be linking up once again with former Highbury team-mate Steve Walford and he says: "I rate him very highly. It was a mystery to me why Arsenal allowed him to leave."

"Norwich are ambitious to win things, but there's not so much pressure on the players as there is at a big club like Arsenal."

"It's not so vital to achieve success. At Arsenal if you don't finish in the top six it is an absolute disaster."

"The atmosphere is more relaxed at Carrow Road and the players play for the love of the game. In London that goes out of the window for the price of success."

After living in the capital for eight years John is looking forward to moving into the quiet East Anglian countryside. He

says: "Norwich is a beautiful place and everyone is so friendly."

"My wife was used to life in Dublin and I'm sure she'll be much happier in her new surroundings."

John, who made his League debut back in April 1978 against Leeds, admits however: "It was a big wrench to leave Arsenal because I made a lot of very good friends at Highbury."

But he was able to slip away from the club almost un-noticed because of the fanfare surrounding the arrival of Scottish 'superkid' Charlie Nicholas from Celtic.

"It's a terrific scoop for 'The Gunners' and if he settles down he could prove to be the key to success. The club desperately needed firepower up front to help Alan Sunderland and Tony Woodcock last season."

"Arsenal are still a couple of players short of being a great side and they could strengthen the midfield. I was very surprised when they let Vladimir Petrovic go."

"He is a world-class player. Perhaps next time they will go for someone in his mould who can adapt more easily to the English game."

"It wasn't a great season for Arsenal last year and reaching two Semi-Finals was more than many people expected of them because they were playing badly."

"If they can improve on their consistency I'm sure they can once again challenge for the major honours in the game."

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Ian Gillard... Aldershot's former QPR full-back.

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ARSENAL Division 1

Tony Woodcock... top scorer for Arsenal last season.



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HERE'S the first part of your A-B-C guide to the 1983-84 League fixtures... with spaces for you to fill in all the results as they happen.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be featuring every team in the English League and Scottish Premier so that, come the start of the season, you'll have a complete guide.

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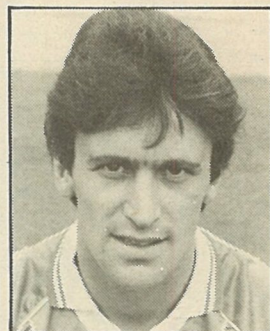
BARNESLEY Division 2

Ronnie Glavin... led the Barnsley scoring chart last season.



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Byron Stevenson... Birmingham's strong defender.

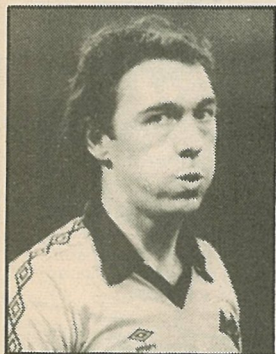
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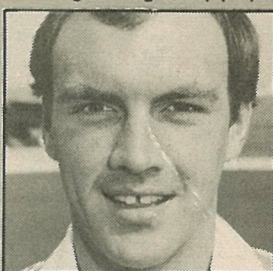
Norman Bell . . . Blackburn's former Wolves striker.

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Terry Pashley . . . Blackpool's long-serving utility player.



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| Jan 21 | — Swindon | H |
| Jan 28 | — Northampton | A |
| Feb 4 | — York | H |
| Feb 11 | — Crewe | A |
| Feb 14 | — Bristol City | A |
| Feb 18 | — Stockport | H |
| Feb 25 | — Chesterfield | A |
| Mar 3 | — Wrexham | H |
| Mar 6 | — Darlington | A |
| Mar 10 | — Doncaster | H |
| Mar 17 | — Rochdale | A |
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| Aug 27 | — Wimbledon | H |
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| Oct 1 | — Bristol Rvs | A |
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| Dec 27 | — Oxford | H |
| Dec 31 | — Sheff Utd | A |
| Jan 2 | — Millwall | H |
| Jan 7 | — Bradford | H |
| Jan 14 | — Wimbledon | A |
| Jan 21 | — Scunthorpe | H |
| Jan 28 | — Walsall | A |



Steve Whitworth . . . Bolton's experienced full-back.

BOLTON Division 3

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| Feb 4 | — Bristol Rvs | H |
| Feb 11 | — Rotherham | A |
| Feb 14 | — Lincoln | H |
| Feb 18 | — Southend | A |
| Feb 25 | — Port Vale | H |
| Mar 3 | — Hull | A |
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| Mar 31 | — Burnley | A |
| Apr 7 | — Gillingham | H |
| Apr 14 | — Brentford | A |
| Apr 20 | — Oxford | A |
| Apr 21 | — Wigan | H |
| Apr 28 | — Bournemouth | H |
| May 5 | — Millwall | A |
| May 7 | — Sheff Utd | H |
| May 12 | — Preston | A |

BOURNEM'TH Division 3

Tommy Heffernan . . . Bournemouth's spot kick expert.



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| Aug 27 | — Preston | H |
| Sept 3 | — Burnley | A |
| Sept 6 | — Wimbledon | A |
| Sept 10 | — Wigan | H |
| Sept 17 | — Millwall | A |
| Sept 24 | — Gillingham | H |
| Sept 27 | — Bristol Rvs | H |
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| Oct 8 | — Plymouth | H |
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| Oct 18 | — Walsall | A |
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| Feb 14 | — Rotherham | A |
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| Feb 25 | — Oxford | A |
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| Mar 17 | — Plymouth | A |
| Mar 24 | — Sheff Utd | H |
| Mar 31 | — Wimbledon | H |
| Apr 7 | — Bristol Rvs | A |
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| Apr 21 | — Newport | A |
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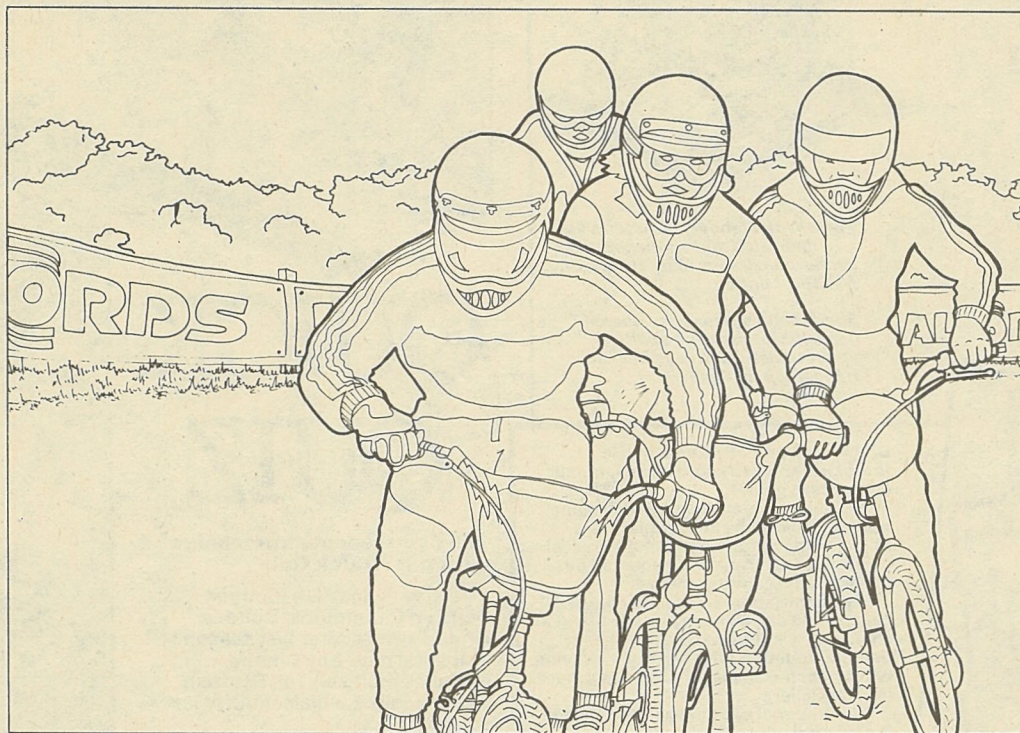
Trevor Cherry . . . Bradford's player-manager from Leeds.

BRADFORD Division 3

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| Feb 4 | — Exeter | A |
| Feb 11 | — Port Vale | H |
| Feb 14 | — Gillingham | A |
| Feb 18 | — Rotherham | H |
| Feb 25 | — Walsall | A |
| Mar 3 | — Oxford | H |
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| Apr 7 | — Sheff Utd | H |
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| Apr 23 | — Wigan | A |
| Apr 28 | — Brentford | H |
| May 5 | — Preston | A |
| May 7 | — Lincoln | H |
| May 12 | — Bournemouth | A |

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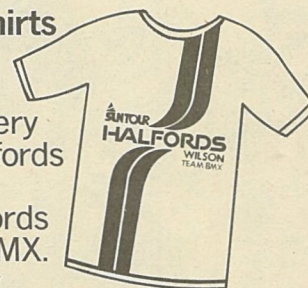
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Halfords Branch _____

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STAR GALLERY



Peter Withe (above) of Aston Villa — a dedicated and wholehearted professional, says Mark Hayes, of Mill Hill, London.



Sunderland striker Gary Rowell (left). His goalscoring ability is vastly under-rated says Michael Henderson, of Wisewood, Sheffield.



DRAW a picture of your favourite footballer and you could win a fabulous soccer card game!

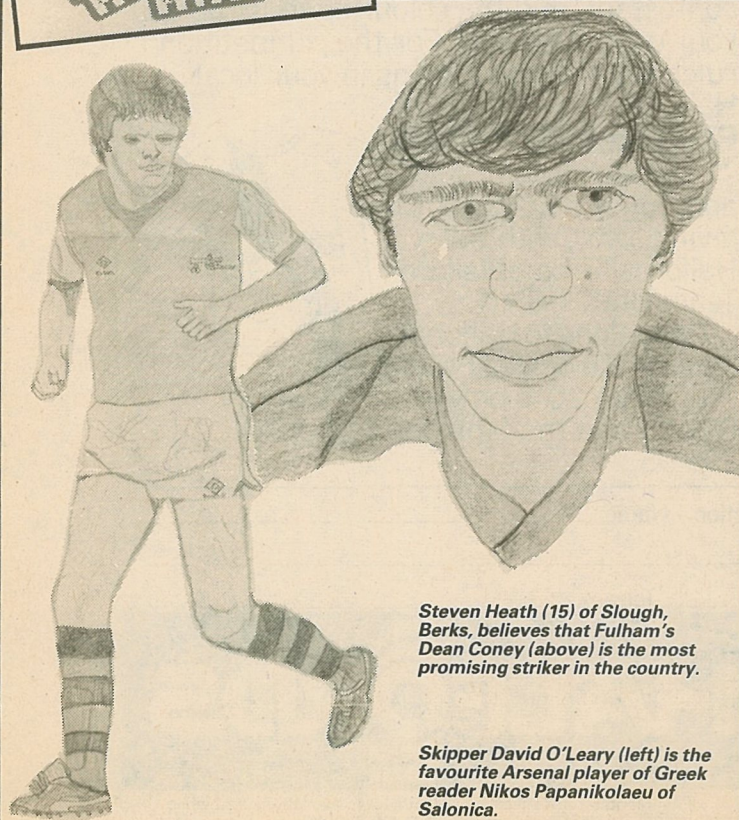
'Big League' is an exciting new game normally played by 2-6 people — the object being to form a team of 11 players.

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The sender of each drawing published is a winner!

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Steven Heath (15) of Slough, Berks, believes that Fulham's Dean Coney (above) is the most promising striker in the country.

Skipper David O'Leary (left) is the favourite Arsenal player of Greek reader Nikos Papanikolaou of Salonica.



SPOT

QUICK QUIZ

TEST your soccer knowledge with this 'Quick Quiz'.

- 1 Who was Scottish Premier Division Champions, Dundee United's top scorer last season?
- 2 Arsenal new-boy Charlie Nicholas made his full Scottish debut against which country last season?
- 3 From which club did Leicester sign Tommy English?
- 4 Now many times have Liverpool won the League Championship?
- 5 Who replaced stalwart Joe Corrigan in goal for Manchester City?
- 6 Where do Plymouth Argyle play?
- 7 Who are nicknamed 'The Cherries'?
- 8 Who were promoted as Third Division Champions last season?
- 9 Where are the next European Championship Finals being played?
- 10 Who is the manager of Third Division Walsall?



TRUE OR FALSE

BELOW are five soccer statements. Can you tell whether they are true or false?

- 1 Michael Robinson opened the scoring in the 1983 FA Cup Final . . . True/False
- 2 Luton skipper Brian Horton started his League career at Port Vale . . . True/False
- 3 Hull City play at Bootham Crescent . . . True/False
- 4 Mark McGhee scored Aberdeen's extra-time winner in the Scottish Cup Final last season . . . True/False
- 5 Hartlepool had to seek re-election to the Fourth Division last season . . . True/False

SOLUTIONS

Crossword: Across: 1. Prince; 4. Wales; 9. on the subs bench; 10. lion; 11 & 3 down. Dave Clements; 13. Fenton; 16. Piazza; 17. Kite; 19. Didi (ie. Di + D); 22. Peter Latchford; 23. Roger; 24. Lyndon. Down: 1. Pools; 2. intercept; 3. See 11 across; 5 line; 6. schemer; 7. Mullen; 8 & 18 down. Aston Villa; 12. Alvarez; 14. David Hay; 15. Skipper; 16. points; 18. See 8 down; 20. Peden; 21. Stag.

Match Then Up: 1-C; 2-E; 3-A; 4-D; 5-B. true.

True or False: 1 false; 2 true; 3 false; 4 false; 5 true.

Mystery Man: Peter Davenport (Nottingham Alan Buckley).

Quick Quiz: 1 David Dodds; 2 Switzerland; 3 Coventry; 4 14; 5 Alex Williams; 6 Home Park; 7 Bournemouth; 8 Portsmouth; 9 France; 10 Macari.

Blankety Blank: Neal, Whelan, Rush, Farrelough, Moses, McQueen, Muhren.

THE BALL AND WIN SUPER SUBBUTEO PRIZES



WIN a super Subbuteo table soccer game in another great free to enter Match Weekly competition.

We're giving away two super games to the winners of our special 'Spot the Ball' contest.

The first correct entry pulled out of our postbag will receive the FIFA World Cup edition which includes pitch, teams, goals and a special replica of the trophy itself.

And the runner-up will be presented with the Subbuteo Club edition which contains everything you need to play Britain's most popular soccer game.

'Match' will also be giving away TWENTY special Match Weekly/Subbuteo pennants to the next 20 contestants in the form of a consolation prize.

All you have to do to stand a chance of winning the super games is to guess the correct location of the ball in the picture. Is it hidden under A, B, C or D?

The picture was taken during last season's meeting between Ipswich and Coventry and the mid-air duel is between striker Paul Mariner and full-back Danny Thomas.

When you have worked out your answer, just fill in the coupon and send it off to: Subbuteo Competition, Match Weekly, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF. Don't forget to include your own name and address.

Entries for the competition close on Friday, July 8 and the results will be announced in our July 23 issue. Good luck!

MYSTERY MAN

CAN you identify this First Division striker?

Last week's masked man was Kenny Hibbitt of Wolves.

MATCH 'EM UP

CAN you match up the managers with their respective clubs?

- 1 John Bond
- 2 John Duncan
- 3 Clive Walker
- 4 John Toshack
- 5 Jim Iley

- A Northampton
- B Bury
- C Burnley
- D Swansea
- E Chesterfield

SPOT THE BALL ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

..... Answer.....

.....

I'M FREE

I'M FREE! THESE three players were given free transfers at the end of last season. Can you identify them and the clubs who released them?

BLANKETY BLANK

FILL in the blanks to complete the Liverpool and Manchester United teams which played in last season's Milk Cup Final at Wembley.

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Kennedy, Lawrenson, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnston, Souness. **Sub:** Man Utd: Bailey, Duxbury, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, Stapleton, Whiteside, Coppell. **Sub:**

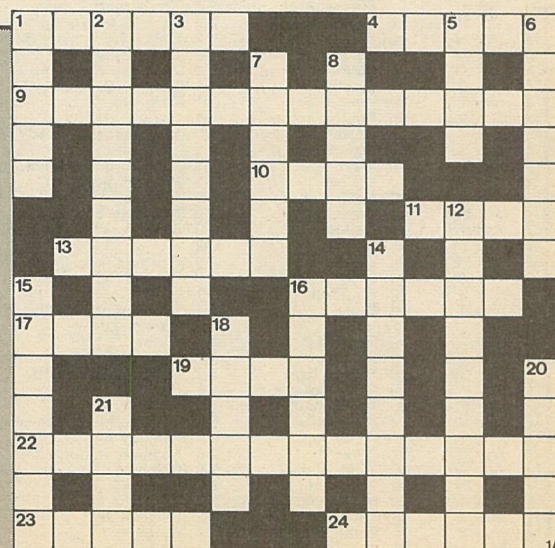
SOCCERWORD

ACROSS

1. Royal-sounding midfielder who played for Bristol Rovers (mainly) and Exeter City (6)
4. Country which beat Bulgaria in the European Championship in April (5)
9. Where No. 12 starts the match! (2,3,4,5)
10. The beast in Northampton's badge (4)
11. & 3 down. He was player-manager of Northern Ireland whilst on the books of New York Cosmos! (4,8)
13. Notts County's manager between Jimmy Sirrel's two spells (6)
16. 'A pizza' (anagram) — for a defender who played when Brazil won the World Cup in 1970 (6)
17. A goalkeeper who is up in the air (4)
19. This very famous old Brazilian forward looks like a couple of Princesses! (4)
22. Goalkeeper who began the 1970s with WBA and saw them out with Celtic (5,9)
23. — Hunt, old Liverpool, Bolton and England striker (5)
24. Midfielder — Hughes shared his career between WBA and Peterborough in the 1970s (6)

DOWN

1. During the summer, soccer gamblers bet on the Australian — (5)
2. Cut out a pass (9)
3. See 11 across
5. The ball must cross it for a goal to count (4)
6. An old word for an inside-forward (7)
7. Famous old left-winger with Wolves and England (6)
8. & 18 down. The club which captured Steve McMahon from Everton at the end of the season (5,5)
12. Steve — helped Portsmouth to the Division Three title (9)
14. Former Celtic, Chelsea and Scotland utility player who had a short but successful run as manager of Motherwell (5,3)
15. He returned from Darlington to Hull last season and helped them win promotion (7)
16. With two more, Wimbledon would have had a hundred last season! (6)
18. See 8 down
20. 'End P.E.' (anagram) — this defender had a long run with Lincoln (5)
21. Mansfield's mascot? (5)





Champions again. Kenny Dalglish (left) and skipper Graeme Souness show off the Championship trophy to the fans at Anfield.

LEAGUE SCORERS

League goals: 17 — Ian Rush; 14 — Terry McDermott (4 pens); 13 — Kenny Dalglish; 10 — Ronnie Whelan; 6 — Craig Johnston; 5 — Graeme Souness; 3 — Alan Kennedy and Sammy Lee; 2 — David Johnson, Ray Kennedy, Mark Lawrenson and Phil Neal (2 pens); 1 — own goal.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Liverpool | 42 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 39 | 14 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 41 | 18 |
| Ipswich Town | 42 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 47 | 25 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 28 | 28 |
| Manchester United | 42 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 27 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 20 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 42 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 41 | 26 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 26 | 22 |
| Arsenal | 42 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 27 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 21 | 22 |
| Swansea City | 42 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 34 | 16 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 24 | 35 |
| Southampton | 42 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 49 | 30 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 23 | 37 |
| Everton | 42 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 33 | 21 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 23 | 29 |
| West Ham United | 42 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 42 | 29 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 28 |
| Manchester City | 42 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 23 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 27 |
| Aston Villa | 42 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 28 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 27 | 29 |
| Nottingham Forest | 42 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 20 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 23 | 28 |
| Brighton | 42 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 30 | 24 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 13 | 28 |
| Coventry City | 42 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 31 | 24 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 25 | 38 |
| Notts County | 42 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 32 | 33 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 29 | 36 |
| Birmingham City | 42 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 29 | 25 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 24 | 36 |
| WBA | 42 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 24 | 25 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 22 | 32 |
| Stoke City | 42 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 27 | 28 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 17 | 35 |
| Sunderland | 42 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 19 | 26 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 32 |
| Leeds United | 42 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 23 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 16 | 41 |
| Wolverhampton W | 42 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 19 | 20 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 13 | 43 |
| Middlesbrough | 42 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 20 | 24 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 14 | 28 |

How the Championship was won

| Date | Opponents | Scorers | Att |
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| Aug 29 | (a) Wolves | 0-1 | 28,001 |
| Sept 1 | (h) Middlesbrough | 1-1 (Neal pen) | 31,963 |
| Sept 5 | (h) Arsenal | 2-0 (McDermott, Johnson) | 35,269 |
| Sept 12 | (a) Ipswich | 0-2 | 26,703 |
| Sept 19 | (h) Aston Villa | 0-0 | 37,474 |
| Sept 22 | (a) Coventry | 2-1 (Kennedy A, McDermott pen) | 16,731 |
| Sept 26 | (a) West Ham | 1-1 (Johnson) | 30,802 |
| Oct 3 | (h) Swansea | 2-2 (McDermott 2 pens) | 48,645 |
| Oct 10 | (h) Leeds | 3-0 (Rush 2, Cherry og) | 35,840 |
| Oct 17 | (a) Brighton | 3-3 (Dalglish, Kennedy R, McDermott) | 26,321 |
| Oct 24 | (h) Manchester United | 1-2 (McDermott pen) | 41,438 |
| Oct 31 | (a) Sunderland | 2-0 (Souness, McDermott) | 27,854 |
| Nov 7 | (h) Everton | 3-1 (Dalglish 2, Rush) | 48,861 |
| Nov 21 | (a) West Brom | 1-1 (Dalglish) | 20,871 |
| Nov 28 | (h) Southampton | 0-1 | 37,189 |
| Dec 5 | (a) Nottingham Forest | 2-0 (Lawrenson, Kennedy R) | 24,521 |
| Dec 26 | (h) Manchester City | 1-3 (Whelan) | 37,929 |
| Jan 5 | (h) West Ham | 3-0 (McDermott, Whelan, Dalglish) | 28,427 |
| Jan 16 | (h) Wolves | 2-1 (Whelan, Dalglish) | 26,438 |
| Jan 26 | (a) Notts County | 4-0 (Rush 3, Whelan) | 14,407 |
| Jan 30 | (a) Aston Villa | 3-0 (McDermott 2, Rush) | 35,947 |
| Feb 6 | (h) Ipswich | 4-0 (McDermott, Rush, Dalglish, Whelan) | 41,316 |
| Feb 16 | (a) Swansea | 0-2 | 22,604 |
| Feb 20 | (h) Coventry | 4-0 (Souness, Lee, Rush, McDermott pen) | 28,286 |
| Feb 27 | (a) Leeds | 2-0 (Souness, Rush) | 33,689 |
| Mar 6 | (h) Brighton | 0-1 | 28,574 |
| Mar 9 | (a) Stoke | 5-1 (McDermott, Dalglish, Souness, Whelan, Lee) | 16,758 |
| Mar 20 | (h) Sunderland | 1-0 (Rush) | 30,344 |
| Mar 27 | (a) Everton | 3-1 (Whelan, Souness, Johnston) | 51,847 |
| Mar 30 | (h) Birmingham | 3-1 (Rush 2, McDermott) | 24,224 |
| Apr 2 | (a) Notts County | 1-0 (Dalglish) | 30,126 |
| Apr 7 | (a) Manchester United | 1-0 (Johnston) | 50,969 |
| Apr 10 | (a) Manchester City | 5-0 (Lee, Neal pen, Johnston, Rush, Kennedy A) | 40,112 |
| Apr 13 | (h) Stoke | 2-0 (Kennedy A, Johnston) | 30,419 |
| Apr 17 | (h) West Brom | 1-0 (Dalglish) | 34,286 |
| Apr 24 | (a) Southampton | 3-2 (Whelan 2, Rush) | 24,704 |
| May 1 | (h) Nottingham Forest | 2-0 (Johnston 2) | 34,321 |
| May 3 | (a) Tottenham | 2-2 (Dalglish 2) | 38,091 |
| May 8 | (a) Birmingham | 1-0 (Rush) | 26,381 |
| May 11 | (a) Arsenal | 1-1 (Rush) | 30,932 |
| May 15 | (h) Tottenham | 3-1 (Lawrenson, Dalglish, Whelan) | 48,122 |
| May 18 | (a) Middlesbrough | 0-0 | 17,431 |

* Liverpool's scores first in every case.

THE date was December 26, 1981. Liverpool had just been beaten 3-1 at Anfield by Manchester City and the press were proclaiming the end of an era for the 'Red Army'.

Bob Paisley's men were lying in a humble tenth position in the First Division with just 27 points from 18 games — a poor record by their own high standards.

They were already being written off as Championship contenders and it seemed their unchallenged reign as 'Britain's number one club' was coming to an end.

Manchester United and Ipswich were tipped as favourites for the League title and few people gave Liverpool a hope... it seemed only a miracle could put them back in the hunt.

But as so many teams have discovered when they have played against the Merseyside giants, you can't count them out until the last ball has been kicked.

As young striker Ian Rush

JUST over 18 months ago Liverpool were being written off after a disappointing first half of the 1981-82 season.

But with a devastating turn of foot rather like a thoroughbred racehorse in a field of donkeys, class told at the end of the day as Liverpool swept up on the rails to leave the rest gasping.

And, as young striker Ian Rush recalls, it was that 'has been' tag which spurred Liverpool and lit the fuse for a remarkable run-in of twenty wins in the last 24 matches.

WRITE-

recalls, reports in the press predicting a collapse of the Anfield empire served only to make the players more determined than ever to succeed.

Says the former Chester player: "Everyone at the club knew we were still good enough to win the Championship and we desperately wanted to go out and prove the critics wrong for writing us off."

"In January they said we had no chance, but we went on to win 20 of the last 24 games and clinch the title... we really made them eat their own words."

"It was a great achievement to win the League in that manner and it showed what character there was in the side, especially among the older players who helped the youngsters, like myself, a great deal."

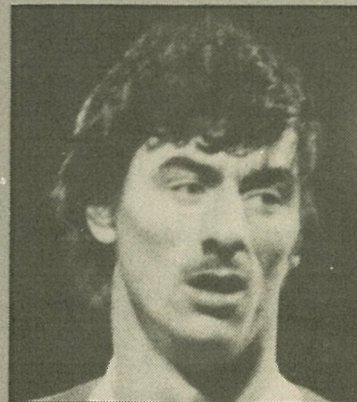
Ian believes the turning point in the season came after the defeat by City on Boxing Day and says: "The players got one hell of a rollicking after that game. The manager and the coach certainly didn't mince their words."

"I can remember Joe Fagan telling us what he thought of us in no uncertain terms and saying he never wanted to see another Liverpool performance like that."

"We had a long meeting and talked about what we were doing wrong. It cleared the air and had the desired effect on all the players who wanted to prove how good we were."

Soon after the Boxing Day defeat, Liverpool travelled to Swansea for a Third Round FA Cup tie, which Ian says no-one expected them to win.

"Swansea were doing really well in the League at the time while we were struggling and the press



Welsh international Ian Rush, Liverpool's top scorer in his first full season in the senior side.

gave us little or no chance at the Vetch Field," he says.

"But we went out and beat them 4-0 — a result which instilled fresh confidence in the players and after that we went from strength to strength."

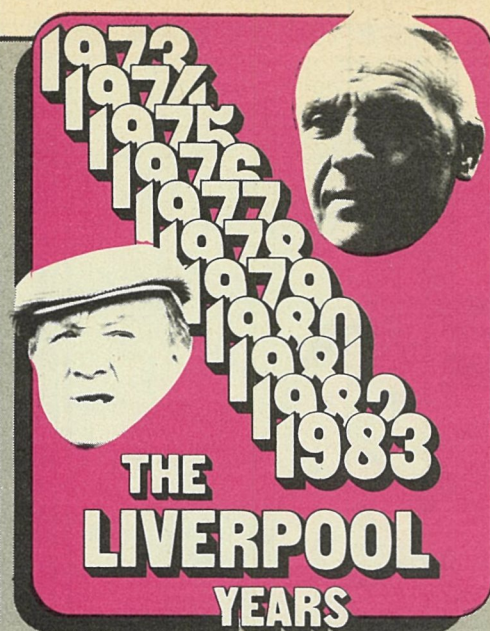
The Liverpool machine moved into top gear with 20 wins from their remaining 24 League matches and finished the season well clear of the chasing pack to pick up a record 13th League Championship.

They clinched the title with a 3-1 win at home to Spurs in the last-but-one game and Ian recalls: "It was a great occasion and the atmosphere at Anfield that day is something I will never forget."

"We went in at half-time 1-0 down to a superb Glenn Hoddle goal, but we always felt we could win. Bob Paisley told us in the dressing room to keep playing as we were and the goals would



Liverpool players parade the League Cup and the new Milk Cup after their victory over Tottenham at Wembley.



OFFS!

BUT SUPERCHARGED REDS HAVE THE LAST LAUGH

come... and he was absolutely right.

"Mark Lawrenson scored the first of our three goals and when Kenny Dalglish got the second, there was no way we were going to let it slip.

"Ronnie Whelan clinched it with a goal late in the game and it was a great feeling when the final whistle went and the Championship was ours."

Success in the League gave Liverpool a cup double, having already picked up the Milk Cup at Wembley in March when they beat Spurs 3-1 after extra time.

"That was a marvellous moment, and made up for the disappointment of losing to Chelsea in the Fifth Round of the FA Cup about a month before," recalls Ian.

"We had fancied our chances in the FA Cup because there were few good teams left in the competition. But I think the 2-0 defeat made us more determined to win the Milk Cup.

"It was a great experience playing at Wembley and to score in the Final as well was something I had always dreamed about.

"There's something special about Wembley and the atmosphere is incredible. The noise as we walked out onto the pitch was amazing and the experience is something I will never forget."

The 3-1 win over Spurs was a personal triumph for Eire international Ronnie Whelan who scored two of the goals.

Says Ian: "Ronnie made a great impact in the side and his two goals at Wembley capped a marvellous season for him.

"To come from an Irish League

side to play in the First Division and make such an impression was a great achievement and he far outlived the expectations of everyone at the club.

"Mark Lawrenson was probably our best player that year and 'keeper Bruce Grobbelaar also had a good season after an unsteady start.

"He came in for a lot of criticism for some of his performances early on, but after Christmas he gained in confidence and proved what a good 'keeper he really was."

Ian finished the season as the club's leading scorer with 30 League and cup goals to his credit... an achievement he never expected at the start of the campaign.

A £300,000 buy from Chester in April 1980, Ian had played only a handful of first team games for Liverpool prior to the start of the season when he once again found himself in the reserves.

"I was very unhappy about being in the reserves because having played seven games in the first team at the end of the previous season, I was hoping to keep my place.

"I began to think I had made the wrong decision joining a big club like Liverpool and got the impression I was no longer wanted.

"I went in to see the manager to ask him about my future and see where I was going wrong and he told me I wasn't scoring enough goals to warrant a place in the first team.

"He made me mad when he told me I couldn't score goals at this level. I knew I could do it and it made me more determined to prove him wrong.



The feared strike force of Kenny Dalglish (left) and Ian Rush celebrate the Scottish star's goal that set Liverpool on the way to their Championship-clinching victory over Tottenham at Anfield.

"I think he only did it to make me more aggressive and it paid dividends. I started to be more selfish on the field and the goals came.

"It was a make, or break season for me and so I was delighted things went so well... I haven't looked back since," he adds.

BOOK WINNERS

COPIES of Bob Paisley's autobiography go to the following five winners in our June 4 issue which launched the fascinating 'Liverpool Years' series — Ashley Hudson, Luton; M. D. Azad, Bridgnorth; Duane Edwards, Welshpool; Damian Gore, Woolton, Liverpool and W. Morris, Milnthorpe, Cumbria.

LIVERPOOL FACT FILE 1981-82

Manager: Bob Paisley.

Points: 87.

Goals for: 80.

Against: 32

Biggest win: 6-0 v Exeter (League Cup, away).

Heaviest defeat: 0-2 v Ipswich (A), 1-3 v Man. City (h), 0-2 v Swansea (A), 0-2 v Chelsea (FA Cup, away).

Top scorers: League — Ian Rush 17; FA Cup — Rush 3; League Cup — Rush 8.

Penalty king: Terry McDermott 5.

Hat-tricks: Rush 1.

Average home gate: 35,060

Most League appearances: Bruce Grobbelaar, Phil Neal and Kenny Dalglish 42 each.

match WEEKLY masterclasses



SPURS striker Tony Galvin believes Glenn Hoddle is in the same class as the brilliant Brazilian, Zico.

Says Tony: "I have seen how effective Glenn can be week in, week out and he can do everything Zico does."

"He is one of the most talented players in the country and what impresses me most about him is that he can do anything with the ball ... with either foot."

"He is very dangerous at set pieces, something which he works at quite a lot in training. Whenever we get a free-kick, it's normally Glenn who takes it, and you always feel as though he's going to do something special."

"I have spoken to 'keepers who have faced dead-ball kicks from Glenn and they say he strikes fear into them because they never know what he's going to do with the ball."

"It's not just his ability to bend the ball which makes them panic, but the varying pace he puts on it."

"He is a master technician and, when it comes to striking the ball — especially on the volley — there are few players to match him."

"His passing is equally brilliant whether it's over four or 40 yards. He seems to be able to size up situations very quickly and play a very telling, long ball into a forward's path ... which defenders hate."

LIKE a magician pulling rabbits from a top hat, Glenn Hoddle has the ability to conjure up something from nothing.

Whether it's a curling free-kick from the edge of the penalty area, a perfectly struck volley or a 40-yard defence-splitting pass, it's guaranteed to excite any crowd.

White Hart Lane has been the scene of much of his trickery over the last few seasons and who could forget that stunning volley against Manchester United in the League Cup four years ago?

Glenn has become the master of the unexpected and something of a free-kick specialist during his days at White Hart Lane.

He says: "Whenever Spurs get a free-kick just outside the box, it's normally up to me to produce something from it."

"More often than not, I look to try and bend the ball round the defensive wall or chip the ball over the top and hopefully into the far corner of the net."

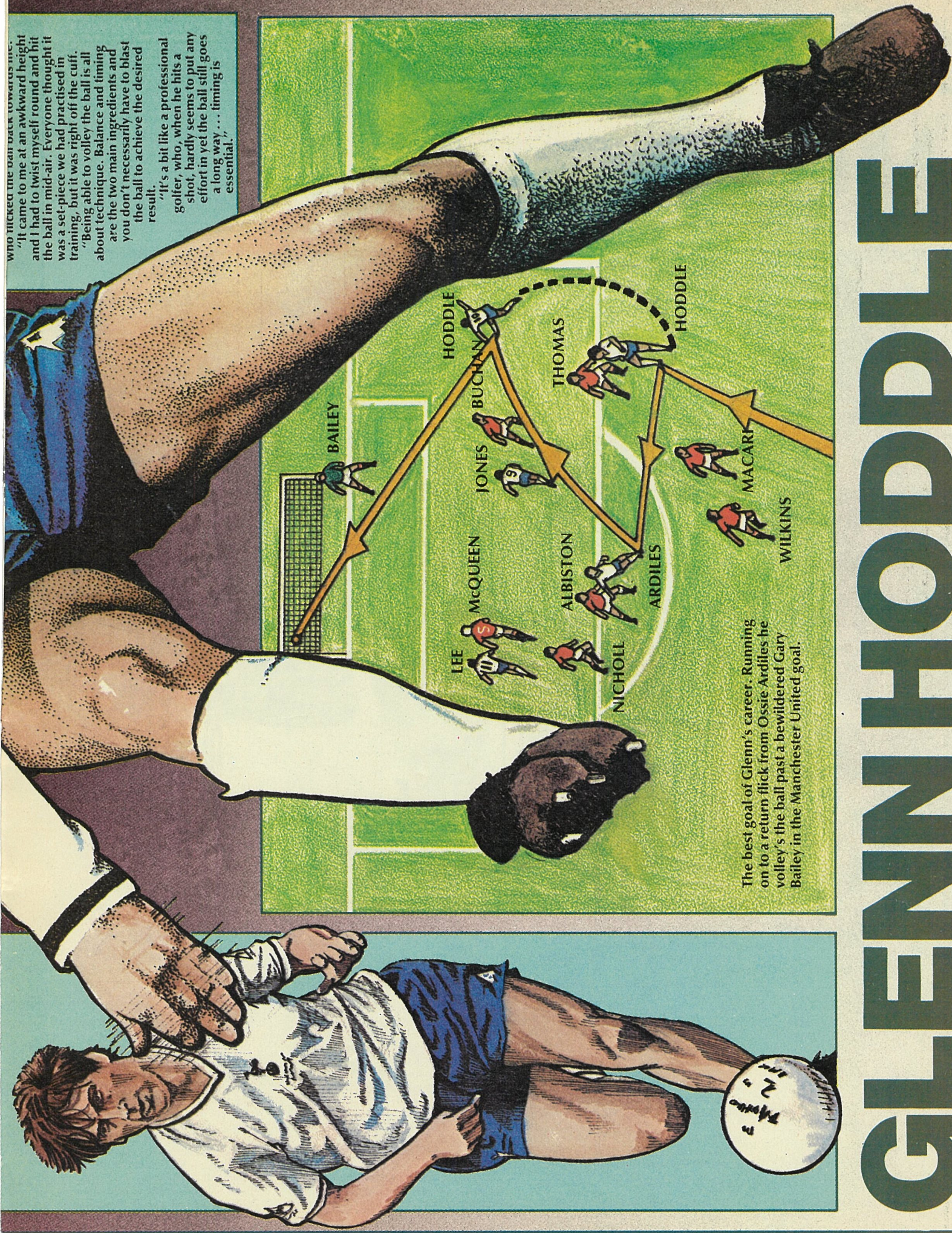
"The first thing I do when faced with a free-kick is look at the position of the wall and the 'keeper. If it's a bad wall and they have left a gap, I will perhaps try to drill the ball towards goal."

"If they have the goal well protected, then I'll try and curl the ball with either the outside of the boot or the instep."

"I have also got into the habit of bending down over the top of the ball before I take a kick. This is to hide myself from the keeper's view and then perhaps catch him unawares."

Another piece of ammunition in Glenn's armoury is his ability to volley the ball — with either foot — from any angle. No better example of that is the stunner he scored against Manchester United.

He says: "That must rate as one of the best goals I have ever scored. We had a free-kick outside the box and Terry Yorath played the ball to me. In turn, I pushed it inside to Ossie Ardiles."

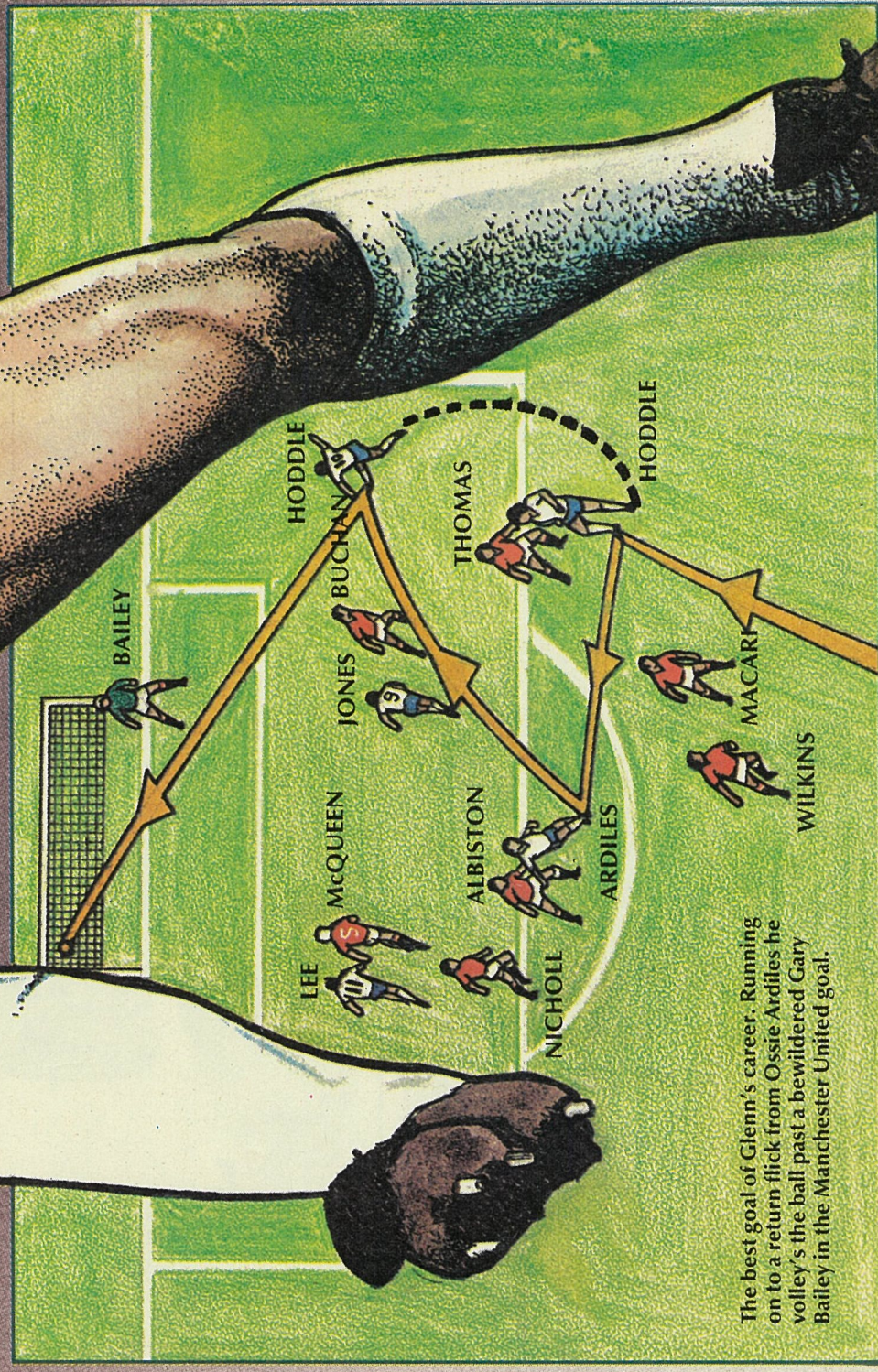


WHO THICKED THE BALL BACK TOWARDS THE GOAL.

"It came to me at an awkward height and I had to twist myself round and hit the ball in mid-air. Everyone thought it was a set-piece we had practised in training, but it was right off the cuff."

"Being able to volley the ball is all about technique. Balance and timing are the two main ingredients and you don't necessarily have to blast the ball to achieve the desired result."

"It's a bit like a professional golfer, who, when he hits a shot, hardly seems to put any effort in yet the ball still goes a long way... timing is essential."



The best goal of Glenn's career. Running on to a return flick from Ossie Ardiles he volley's the ball past a bewildered Gary Bailey in the Manchester United goal.

GLENN HODDLE

STAR VIEW

No 9 TERRY BUTCHER v ALVIN MARTIN

THIS week the 'Star View' spotlight turns to the international scene and looks at two players battling to establish themselves in the heart of the England defence.

They are Ipswich's Terry Butcher, who has grown in stature since last year's World Cup Finals in Spain, and West Ham's Alvin Martin, who has played alongside him.

The assessment comes from former England centre-half Dave Watson, a man well qualified to judge Terry and Alvin having occupied the number five shirt on no fewer than 65 occasions.

ALVIN MARTIN

Born: Bootle.

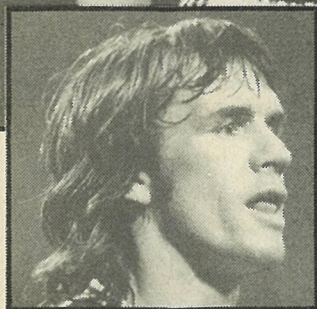
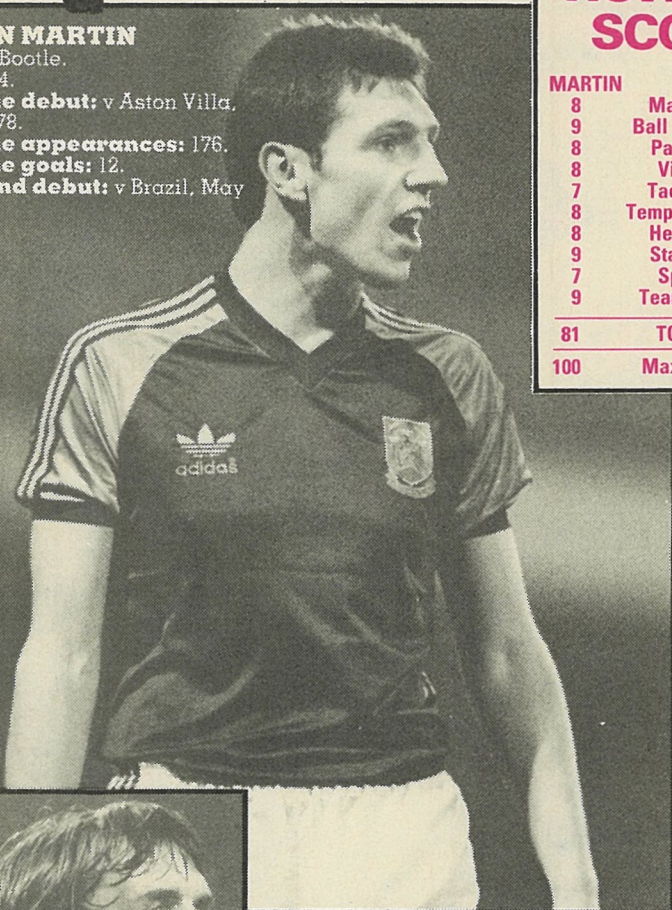
Age: 24.

League debut: v Aston Villa, May 1978.

League appearances: 176.

League goals: 12.

England debut: v Brazil, May 1981.



Dave Watson says

HOW THEY SCORED

| MARTIN | | BUTCHER |
|--------|--------------|---------|
| 8 | Marking | 8 |
| 9 | Ball control | 8 |
| 8 | Passing | 9 |
| 8 | Vision | 8 |
| 7 | Tackling | 8 |
| 8 | Temperament | 8 |
| 8 | Heading | 9 |
| 9 | Stamina | 9 |
| 7 | Speed | 7 |
| 9 | Teamwork | 9 |
| 81 | TOTAL | 83 |
| 100 | Maximum | 100 |

TERRY BUTCHER

Born: Singapore.

Age: 24.

League debut: v Everton, April, 1978.

League appearances: 169.

League goals: 1.

England debut: v Australia, May 1980.



although he has played alongside the big Ipswich defender.

But one man I believe will be pushing them hard in the near future is Southampton's Mark Wright.

He has all the qualities of a good centre-half, but lacks experience and strength at the moment.

Terry has all the equipment to be the England centre-half but I'm not sure whether he is hungry enough, or ambitious enough to make the position his own.

Being a very tall lad he is naturally good in the air. He's also very strong in the tackle and his ground play as a whole is fairly good, particularly on the left side.

He is not so strong on the right, but that's something he can work on because age is on his side.

He is sometimes a little rash when he goes into the tackle. He tends to take a chance on challenging someone when he is not certain of winning the ball ... but that will come with experience.

Like me Terry is perhaps too impatient to get the ball instead of biding his time and waiting for the right moment to tackle.

He lacks speed and I feel that's an aspect of his game he could work a lot harder at. He is liable to be caught

flat-footed by a sharp forward who can turn quickly like Kenny Dalglish.

But that's a problem most big, centre-halves have and you find that the majority of them prefer to play against a big centre-forward rather than a small, mobile striker.

He has done very well at Ipswich over the last few seasons and has a good understanding with Russell Osman at Club level.

And on the occasions I have seen him play for England — against Hungary at Wembley and during the World Cup in Spain — he has performed well and made few mistakes.

But to be fair he has not really come up against any top class strikers who have tested his defensive capabilities.

He is in possession of the England shirt at the moment and I think he will probably get a good run in the side because Bobby Robson — his manager at Ipswich — knows a lot about him.

That means no way through for Alvin Martin, who is probably the main contender for a job next to Terry.

My personal opinion is that he takes too many chances and you can't afford to do that at international level because you are sure to be punished.

He doesn't seem to have the right attitude and looks casual. Whether

that's the way he plays the game, don't know, but I feel he is too lackadaisical in his approach.

He is good in the air and has very good control, but sometimes he takes chances with that ability and it can get him into a lot of trouble.

Like Terry he has done an excellent job for his club, but has yet to be severely tested at international level.

I saw him against Luxembourg in European Championship game at Wembley when he looked very confident but was never put under real pressure and it's difficult to judge anyone against a side like that.

He seems to lose concentration now and then and that is something can't afford to do in international football.

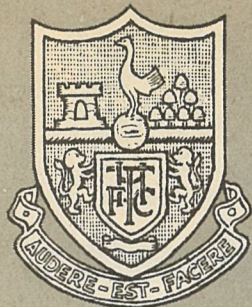
The most essential quality a centre-half must possess is the ability to dominate your position and your opponent. You must be as good on ground as well as in the air and make life hell for the centre-forward.

I feel that Terry and Alvin are probably only 80 per cent towards reaching that standard. Terry will probably keep his place in Bobby Robson's side for a while, but I expect him to be pressed hard by Southampton's Mark Wright before long.



Torquay

Manager: Bruce Rioch.
Division: Four.
Position: 12th.
Points: 58.
Goals for: 56.
Against: 65.
Biggest win: 4-1 v Carshalton (FA Cup, 3-0 v Stockport, 3-0 v Tranmere.
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup).
Top scorers (League): Steve Cooper 15, Roy Carter 8. FA Cup: Ray Bishop 3. Milk Cup: Cooper 2.
Penalty king: Rioch, Alan Little, Bishop and John Doyle 1 each.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 2,312.
 Up or down: +65.
Most League appearances: Graham Horn 46, Colin Anderson 42.



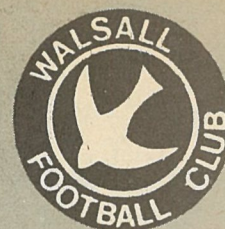
Tottenham

Manager: Keith Burkinshaw.
Division: One.
Position: 4th.
Points: 69.
Goals for: 65.
Against: 50.
Biggest win: 6-0 v Southampton.
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Aston Villa.
Top scorers (League): Steve Archibald 11, Gary Mabbutt 10. FA Cup: Mike Hazard, Garth Crooks and Terry Gibson 1 each. Milk Cup: Crooks 3.
Penalty king: Garry Brooke 4.
Hat-tricks: Brooke and Archibald 1 each.
Average home gate: 30,645.
 Up or down: -4,454.
Most League appearances: Ray Clemence 41, Chris Hughton 39.



Tranmere

Manager: Bryan Hamilton.
Division: Four.
Position: 19th.
Points: 50.
Goals for: 49.
Against: 71.
Biggest win: 3-0 v Mansfield, 3-0 v York.
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Hartlepool, Wimbledon and Scunthorpe.
Top scorers (League): Owen Brown 11, John Kerr 8. FA Cup: Brown 4. Milk Cup: Brown, Bobby Hutchinson and John Aspinall 1 each.
Penalty king: Brown 1.
Hat-tricks: Brown 1.
Average home gate: 1,929.
 Up or down: +194.
Most League appearances: Dave Burgess 46, Ian Griffiths 43.



Walsall

Manager: Alan Buckley.
Division: Three.
Position: 10th.
Points: 64.
Goals for: 64.
Against: 63.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Bristol Rovers.
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Wrexham.
Top scorers (League): Buckley 12, Ollie Kearns 11. FA Cup: Buckley 2. Milk Cup: David Preece 1.
Penalty king: Kearns 2.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 3,242.
 Up or down: -502.
Most League appearances: Kenny Mower and Peter Hart 45 each, Buckley 44.

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Watford

Manager: Graham Taylor.
Division: One.
Position: 2nd.
Points: 71.
Goals for: 74.
Against: 47.
Biggest win: 8-0 v Sunderland.
Heaviest defeat: 3-7 v Nottm Forest (Milk Cup) and 4-0 v Stoke.
Top scorers (League): Luther Blissett 25, John Barnes 10. FA Cup: Blissett and Jan Lohman 2 each. Milk Cup: Ross Jenkins 3.
Penalty king: Blissett 6.
Hat-tricks: Blissett 2.
Average home gate: 19,454.
 Up or down: +4,823.
Most League appearances: Steve Sherwood, Wilf Rostron and Barnes 42 each.



West Brom

Manager: Ron Wylie.
Division: One.
Position: 11th.
Points: 57.
Goals for: 51.
Against: 49.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Brighton.
Heaviest defeat: 1-6 v Nottm Forest (Milk Cup) and Ipswich.
Top scorers (League): Cyrille Regis 9, Peter Eastoe 8. FA Cup: Gary Owen 2. Milk Cup: Regis 2.
Penalty king: Owen 1.
Hat-tricks: Regis 1.
Average home gate: 15,255.
 Up or down: -1,530.
Most League appearances: Romeo Zondervan 41, Martin Jol and Owen 39 each.



West Ham

Manager: John Lyall.
Division: One.
Position: 8th.
Points: 64.
Goals for: 68.
Against: 62.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Birmingham.
Heaviest defeat: 2-5 v Stoke, 0-3 Southampton, Coventry and Liverpool.
Top scorers (League): Paul Goddard 10, Francois Van der Elst 8. FA Cup: None. Milk Cup: Van der Elst, Sandy Clark and Ray Stewart 3 each.
Penalty king: Stewart 10.
Hat-tricks: Van der Elst 1.
Average home gate: 22,774.
 Up or down: -3,810.
Most League appearances: Phil Parkes 42, Geoff Pike and Van der Elst 40 each.



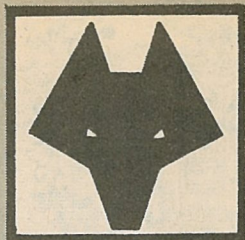
Wigan

Manager: Bobby Charlton (caretaker).
Division: Three.
Position: 18th.
Points: 54.
Goals for: 60.
Against: 72.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Southend.
Heaviest defeat: 0-5 v Bristol Rovers.
Top scorers (League): Eamon O'Keefe 16, Peter Houghton 12. FA Cup: John Butler 1. Milk Cup: O'Keefe and Les Bradd 1 each.
Penalty king: O'Keefe 5.
Hat-tricks: O'Keefe and Houghton 1 each.
Average home gate: 4,439.
 Up or down: -1,400.
Most League appearances: Roy Tunks 46, Colin Methven 44.



Wimbledon

Manager: Dave Bassett.
Division: Four.
Position: 1st.
Points: 98.
Goals for: 96.
Against: 45.
Biggest win: 6-1 v Aldershot and 5-0 v Blackpool.
Heaviest defeat: 0-3 v Colchester.
Top scorers (League): John Leslie 23, Stuart Evans 13. FA Cup: Leslie and Wayne Entwistle 1 each. Milk Cup: Leslie 1.
Penalty king: Dean Thomas 3.
Hat-tricks: Alan Cork and Evans, 1 each.
Average home gate: 2,354. Up or down: -241.
Most League appearances: Dave Beasant and Gary Peters 46 each.



Wolves

Manager: Graham Hawkins.
Division: Two.
Position: 2nd.
Points: 75.
Goals for: 68.
Against: 44.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Charlton.
Heaviest defeat: 0-5 v Sunderland (Milk Cup) and Leicester.
Top scorers (League): Mel Eves 18, Wayne Clarke 12. FA Cup: Kenny Hibbitt 1. Milk Cup: Eves 1.
Penalty king: Geoff Palmer 3.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 15,683. Up or down: +441.
Most League appearances: John Burridge and John Humphrey 42 each, Mick Matthews, Eves and Geoff Palmer 40 each.



Wrexham

Manager: Bobby Roberts.
Division: Three.
Position: 22nd.
Points: 51.
Goals for: 56.
Against: 76.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Doncaster.
Heaviest defeat: 1-5 v Chesterfield, 0-4 v Bradford, Bristol Rovers and Newport.
Top scorers (League): Robbie Savage and Steve Buxton 10 each. FA Cup: Jack Keay, Dave Gregory, Savage, John Muldoon and Simon Hunt, 1 each. Milk Cup: Hunt 1.
Penalty king: Buxton 2.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 2,710. Up or down: -1,599.
Most League appearances: Eddie Niedzwiecki and Ian Arkwright, 43 each.



York

Manager: Denis Smith.
Division: Four.
Position: 7th.
Points: 79.
Goals for: 75.
Against: 58.
Biggest win: 6-1 v Mansfield.
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Hull.
Top scorers (League): Keith Walwyn 19, Brian Pollard 17. FA Cup: Pollard, Walwyn, Derek Hood and Gary Ford 2 each. Milk Cup: Walwyn and John Byrne, 1 each.
Penalty king: Pollard 7.
Hat-tricks: Walwyn 1.
Average home gate: 3,243. Up or down: +883.
Most League appearances: Chris Evans, Richard Sbragia and Hood, 46 each.

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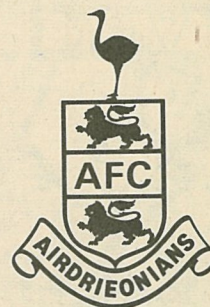
THAT concludes the English League and now we step North of the border to bring you an ABC guide to last season's facts from the three Scottish leagues.

Don't miss our special 'Fact File' cover at the end of the series.



Aberdeen

Manager: Alex Ferguson.
Division: Premier.
Position: 3rd.
Points: 55.
Goals for: 76.
Against: 24.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Kilmarnock and Hibernian.
Heaviest defeat: 1-3 v Dundee United (League Cup) and 0-2 v Dundee United.
Top scorers (League): Mark McGhee 16. FA Cup: Peter Weir 3. League Cup: Gordon Strachan 7.
Penalty king: Strachan 9.
Hat-tricks: Eric Black 2 and Strachan 1.
Average home gate: 15,587. Up or down: +4,407.
Most League appearances: Willie Miller 36.



Airdrie

Manager: Willie Munro.
Division: First.
Position: 5th.
Points: 39.
Goals for: 62.
Against: 46.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Clydebank, Hamilton and Dunfermline.
Heaviest defeat: 0-5 v St Mirren (F.A. Cup).
Top scorers (League): Blair Miller 12. FA Cup: Miller, John Flood, Ian Gordon and Colin Walker 1 each. League Cup: Miller 4.
Average gate: 2,000.
Most League appearances: John Martin 39.

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Record the best of the soccer action . . . tape your favourite programmes . . . and watch the top films at your leisure!

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Over the past six weeks the centre-pages of 'Match Weekly' have featured super colour posters of top stars. The sixth appears in this issue and features Glenn Hoddle.

The posters themselves make a super collection anyway, but now, all those readers who have collected each one, have the chance to win a fabulous bonus in the shape of the video (like the one pictured).

All you have to do is correctly answer the following six questions — each one based on a different 'Masterclass' poster. So you must have all six to enable you to enter.

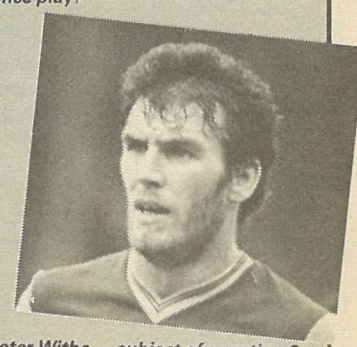
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Name this player and you have the answer to question 1.



Kenny Sansom — where did he once play?



Peter Withe — subject of question 3.

- 1** It's up to this player to provide cover in midfield when John Wark goes on one of his forward runs. Who is he? (Masterclass No 1, May 28 issue).
- 2** Kenny Sansom started off in which position in his schooldays? (Masterclass No 2, June 4 issue).
- 3** In the eyes of Peter Withe, one thing is "crucial" in a good target man. What is it? (Masterclass No 3, June 11).
- 4** Mark Chamberlain says there is a man at Maine Road who would suit his style of play. Who is he? (Masterclass No 4, June 18).
- 5** Who was the first idol of Scottish sharpshooter Charlie Nicholas? (Masterclass, No 5, June 25).
- 6** It was a one-two with which player that led to Glenn Hoddle scoring one his best ever goals? (Masterclass, No 6, July 2).

Remember, all the answers can be found in the 'Masterclass' posters if you study them closely!

When you think you have the answers, write them on the special entry form — together with your name, age and address — and send it off. That's all there is to it!

The sender of the first correct entry pulled from the postbag wins the video . . . and there will be six 'Match Weekly' T-shirts for runners-up!

Send your entries to: 'Masterclass Competition', 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF.

Entries close on Friday July 8 and results will be published in our July 23 issue.

Good luck!

ENTRY FORM

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Name Age.....

Address

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OFFER: Football cards, books and non-League programmes.

WANTS: 1982/83 Fulham v Southend (home), Fulham v Carlisle (away) and Milk Cup programmes.
Ian Crouthers, 82 Nower Road, Dorking, Surrey.

OFFER: Subbuteo football grandstand with surrounding fence complete with two floodlights. Also miniature FA Cup and League Cup.

WANTS: Any two FA Cup Final

programmes before and including 1966.

David Jackson, 36 Richmond Fields, Bessemer Park, Spennymoor, Co. Durham.

OFFER: Thirty-four football pennants and 150 autographed photographs of top German players.

WANTS: Complete Aston Villa away kit (large) with 'Davenports' printed on the shirt.
Øjvind Leth, Houmannsvej 9, 9480 Lokken, Denmark.

OFFER: Old Southampton shirt (30-32") and shorts (26"). Also a Manchester United away shirt (32") and shorts 25").

WANTS: Fifteen programmes per strip, preferably from Cambridge, Liverpool, or Shrewsbury.
Mark Pringle, 3 Milkhope Cottages, Blagdon Estate, Seaton Burn, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

OFFER: Autographed pictures of First and Second Division players.

WANTS: Autographed pictures of

Scottish players and English Fourth Division players.

Simon Rackham, 108 Hague Avenue, Monkwood, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

OFFER: Two Liverpool pennants and a selection of black and white photographs featuring many top players in action.

WANTS: Up to 15 autographs of First and Second Division players.
John Sorsby, 5 Ambleside Close, Halfway, Sheffield.

I'M a Liverpool and Manchester City supporter and my favourite players are Kenny Dalglish, Phil Neal, Ray Ranson and Kevin Reeves. I am 19-years-old and would like a pen pal of the same age who supports either team. Fiona Cameron, 28 White Rose Avenue, New Earswick, York.

I'M a Queens Park Rangers fan and go to all home games. I would like a pen pal who supports any Football League club. Christopher Guy (12), 68 Berkeley Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex.

I'M 16-years-old and support Aston Villa. I would like a pen pal (aged 16-18) who lives in, or around Birmingham. Jane Pilgrim, 22 Riverdale, Wreclesham, Farnham, Surrey.

I AM a 15-year-old Spurs supporter and would like a male, or female pen friend, aged between 14 and 18, who is a regular at White Hart Lane. Wendy King, 123 Bilton Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

I'M a 19-year-old Everton supporter and would like a pen pal of the same age who follows any First Division club. Simon Schwabe, PO Box 1161, Gisborne, New Zealand.

I'M a 13-year-old Manchester United fan and my favourite player is Frank Stapleton. I would like a female pen pal of my own age who goes to see United. Timothy Sullivan, 232 Cable Street, London E1.

I AM 17 years old and a supporter of both Brighton and Arsenal. I

would like a female pen pal of the same age who follows either the 'Gunnars' or the 'Seagulls'. Lorraine Barr, 8 Hornby Park, Liverpool L18 3LL.

I AM 17 years old and would like a male, or female penpal, who supports Manchester United and lives in, or around Manchester. Diana Tabor, 38 Withpoll Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

I AM an 18-year-old West Ham fan and collect almost anything to do with the 'Hammers'. I would prefer a male pen pal, about 18, who lives near London. Carol Rolton, The White Hart Hotel, Bocking and Braintree, Essex.

I AM a ten-year-old supporter of Aston Villa and Manchester Utd and would very much like a

pen-pal or my own age who supports any team. John Worley, 45 Fairfax Court, Stephens Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B73 8TZ.

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IT'S not surprising that Peterborough fan Paul Cooper has asked us to value two of the programmes from the club's record-breaking run to the Sixth Round of the FA Cup back in 1964-65.

His father, Ron, played in the matches when Peterborough topped Arsenal 2-1 in the Fourth Round at London Road — Derek Dougan getting one of the goals — and then bowed out 5-1 at Chelsea in the Quarter-Finals.

Alas for Paul, who lives at Market Deeping, near Peterborough, they are worth far more from a sentimental point of view than in monetary terms.

They are worth around 65p the pair, while the 1960 friendly with Arsenal, which he has also asked us to value, would probably fetch around 70p. Other valuations:

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WHILE some blemished programmes can be worth a lot of money, writing the result and team changes in a copy can devalue it by as much as half.

Bungay programme dealer Steve Earl advises: "If you want to keep a record of a particular match, then put the team changes, scorers and result on a separate sheet of paper and slip it into the programme.

"And if you want to keep a programme in mint condition, then don't roll it up or leave finger marks all over it. Keep it as flat as you can and take a plastic bag along with you to keep a programme clean.

"A few years ago, when programmes were cheaper, many collectors would buy two programmes at a match, read one and keep the other one untouched."

But not all writing on programmes is bad, as Steve explains: "Authentic autographs of players involved in the match can increase the value of the programme, especially in later years when the players have retired.

"But the general rule is not to deface a programme unless you are getting genuine autographs."

So that advice from Steve answers a query from Ian Saunders, of Harpenden, Herts.

WRITES AND WRONGS

The subject of blemished programmes was raised by Ian Newell who lives in Newbridge, Gwent.

He sent us a copy of Liverpool's 1977 Championship souvenir issue programme for their final match of the season against West Ham, which contains no fewer than eight blank pages.

Although it is difficult to estimate the value of this type of blemished programme because there is not a general market for them, Steve reckons it could be worth four times its value.

In fact, Steve collects blemished programmes himself: "You can't really put a price on this type of programme because they are generally not sold on the market.

"There are only about two or three dealers in the country who buy programmes in bulk and so have the chance of obtaining programmes with printing errors, double covers or pages repeated.

"But in the case of Ian, he probably has one of only about half a dozen blemished programmes from that game, and so it's worth more."

But for Simon Holmes, of Shrewsbury, the double cover on his 1975 England v West Germany programme wouldn't add any value to the copy.

"If these were valuable, it would be too easy for people to obtain another programme from the same match and insert pages into the other copy to provide a double cover or repeated pages.

"It's only really in the case of blank pages that blemished programmes become more valuable."

Left: Programme dealer Steve Earl with one of his 'blemished' programmes.

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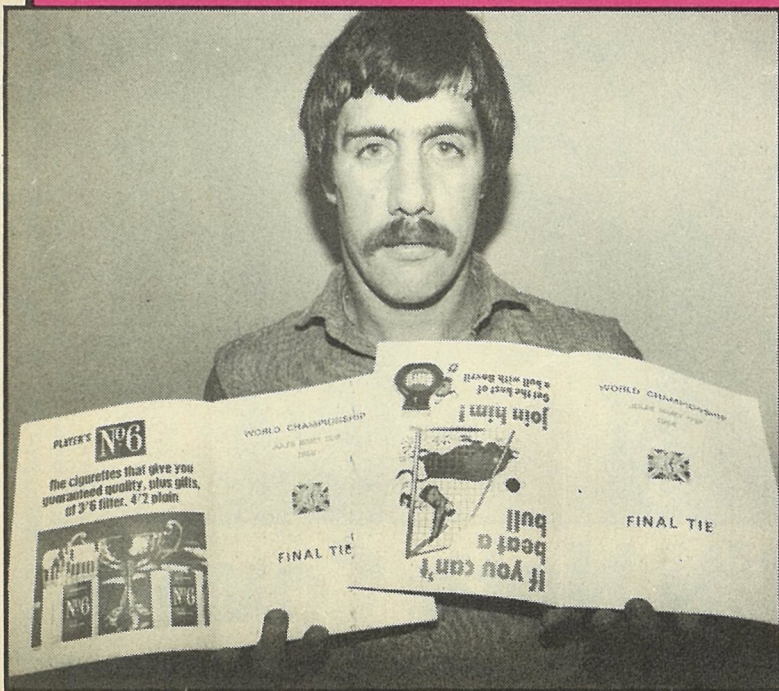
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| 5 Anton Otulakowski (Southend)* | 7.12 |
| 6 Trevor Peake (Lincoln) | 7.08 |
| 7 Trevor Hebbard (Oxford) | 7.05 |
| 8 Francis Joseph (Brentford) | 7.04 |
| 8 Mark Lillis (Huddersfield) | 7.04 |
| 10 Ron Green (Walsall) | 7.02 |
| 11 Tommy Tynan (Newport) | 7.00 |
| 12 Kevin Godfrey (Orient) | 6.97 |
| 13 Trevor Cherry (Bradford) | 6.96 |
| 13 Keith Waugh (Sheff. United) | 6.96 |
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* Wilson and Otulakowski joined Nottingham Forest and Millwall respectively during the season.

The table shows the most consistent performers in the Third Division last season together with their average mark. To qualify, players must have played at least twenty League games for one club.

MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR... DIVISION THREE

DAVID Williams takes over as player-manager of Bristol Rovers next season in the comforting knowledge that he was the Third Division's top player last term.

The 28-year-old midfield player, the youngest Football League manager, had an average League rating of 7.37 to become the Third Division's 'Matchman of the Year'.

Although he only played four matches after the turn of the year because of injury problems, the long-serving Rovers player produced plenty of impressive displays before Christmas to earn the accolade.

He has stepped up from the playing ranks to replace Bobby Gould following his move to First Division Coventry, having been

connected with the Eastville club for 17 years.

There were signs last season that Rovers were on the upgrade after some disappointing times and David, one of three Williams in the current squad, will be keen to continue the sterling work of his predecessor.

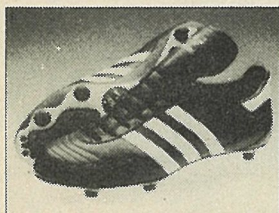
He finished well clear at the top of the Third Division ratings from Lincoln's talented midfield operator Glenn Cockerill.

At one time, Cockerill-inspired Lincoln looked set to stroll to promotion, but they fell away disastrously in the New Year to finish just on the fringe, and so he will be once again driving the 'Imps' forward in search of promotion next season.

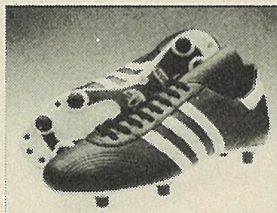
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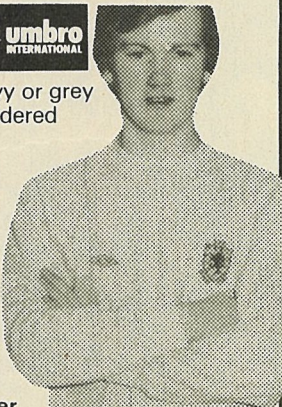
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dominated the Third Division scene with Danny Wilson, now on the books of First Division Nottingham Forest pipped for second place by just .01 of a mark after some eye-catching early season performances for Chesterfield.

The top defender was Cardiff's Gary Bennett, the former Manchester City player whose brother, David, also found a notch in the top

twenty following the Welsh club's immediate return to the Second Division.

The striking honours were shared by Huddersfield's Mark Lillis, who was successfully transformed from a midfield player last season to top the Yorkshire club's scoring list, and Brentford's Francis Joseph, who led their goalscoring chart in his first season at Griffin Park.

Top goalkeeper was Walsall's Ron Green, who lost his place late in the season to Eire international Mick Kearns. He was tenth overall with Sheffield United's Keith Waugh three places below him.

Right: Mark Lillis — joint top striker in Division Three with Brentford's Francis Joseph.



Below: David Williams (centre) — last season's 'Matchman of the Year' in Division Three — celebrates with his Bristol Rovers team-mates and namesakes Brian (left) and Steven.

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May — David Felgate (Lincoln) and Joe Hinnigan (Wigan) 8.00.



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| 1 Ron Green (Walsall)..... | 7.02 |
| 2 Keith Waugh (Sheff. U)..... | 6.96 |
| 3 David Felgate (Lincoln)..... | 6.84 |
| 4 Eddie Niedzwiecki (Wrexham)..... | 6.78 |
| 5 Brian Cox (Huddersfield)..... | 6.75 |
| 6 Peter Litchfield (Preston)..... | 6.73 |
| 7 Ian Leigh (Bournemouth)..... | 6.71 |
| 8 Mervyn Cawston (Southend)..... | 6.68 |
| 9 Ron Hillyard (Gillingham)..... | 6.66 |
| 10 Mervyn Day (Orient)..... | 6.63 |

DEFENDERS

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| 1 Gary Bennett (Cardiff)..... | 7.17 |
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AS a world power in football, England has a duty to 'sell' the game and show soccer at its best.

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No disrespect to Danny Thomas, Mark Barham and John Gregory, but England should field their strongest team for international friendlies in a bid to promote soccer.

The first match against Australia was a drab, uninspiring draw and did little service to soccer 'down under'.

Club tours may have handicapped the England manager in his choice of players for the Aussie tour, but better arrangements must be made so that when an England team takes the field it is one that can show our game in its best possible light.

Victor Butchers, Stone, Kent,

SO C. Roper of Liverpool reckons Graeme Sharp has not been a very good replacement for Bob Latchford, does he?

Well I think that he is greatly mistaken and agree with Peter Eastoe who rated Everton's present centre-forward better than big Bob.

Everton let Latchford go to Swansea because they needed a striker with more mobility. They've got one in Sharp. His finishing may not yet be up to Latchford's standard but he has plenty of time yet in which to improve his skill in front of goal.

Graeme is faster than Bob and creates many chances for fellow attackers Adrian Heath and Kevin Sheedy. He could be one of the most feared strikers in the First Division next season.

*Susanne Lingham,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.*

Everton Striker Graeme Sharp could become one of the most feared strikers in the First Division, according to Susanne Lingham.



IT was a sad day when I read Glenn Hoddle's column in 'Match' about the Tottenham star's decision to play abroad next season.

The article was very touching — especially the part about his last game for Spurs when the supporters chanted his name and pleaded for him not to leave.

As one of the fans at the game, I am also very sorry that Glenn has decided to go. But I wish him the best of luck wherever he goes and hope that one day soon I will see him again in Tottenham colours.

Sarah Carlisle, Boultham Moor, Lincoln.

I WAS very upset to read in 'Match' that Glenn Hoddle had decided to leave Spurs and move abroad.

Glenn's departure will be a great blow to British football. However, I was glad to read that when he does return to England, it will be with Tottenham.

I know that Glenn's adventure into foreign football will be a success. He has great skill and will be a very popular signing for whichever club steps in for him.

By the way, I hope 'Match' keeps Glenn as a regular columnist. It will be very interesting to hear how he adapts to foreign football.
Maria Agar, Otley, West Yorkshire.

I THINK a British Super League would be just the thing to spark a great deal more interest in our game.

Clashes between Scotland's top clubs and England's elite would be great crowd-pullers and should produce some terrific games. The top men in British football should get together immediately to discuss the matter.

This would be my choice of clubs to form an 18-team Super League: Liverpool, Arsenal, Manchester United, Tottenham, Aston Villa, Southampton, Watford, QPR, Ipswich, Aberdeen, Celtic, Dundee United, Rangers, St Mirren, Sheffield Wednesday, West Brom, West Ham, Nottingham Forest.

*Desmond Robinson (16),
Deptford, London.*

WHAT about Everton, Sunderland, Newcastle and Manchester City. Wouldn't they figure in your calculations?

GOLDEN GOOF

"ACCORDING to this report, we could soon be seeing Charlie Nicholas on Top of the Pops," says Alan Blakemore of Sheffield.

News of the Nicholas singing has boosted season ticket sales at Highbury... but it hasn't impressed the bookies.

I AM a big admirer of Charlie Nicholas. Anyone who scores over 50 goals in a season has to be a great player.

But all the transfer talk surrounding Charlie has taken some of the limelight away from fellow Scot Gordon Strachan, who I think is a brilliant player and has had a great season.

Gordon is a tremendous all-rounder, never gives up and was a great inspiration in Aberdeen's European Cup Winners Cup success. He is a certain Scotland captain of the future.

Daryl Reas, Headlands, Northampton.

I HAD to laugh at the prediction in 'Match' that Charlie Nicholas would 'set Wembley alight' in the England v Scotland British Championship encounter.

Nicholas was a big flop. The only reason he scored so many goals in Scotland last season was that the goalkeepers North of the border are a joke.

When Charlie gets his first taste of Football League action, he'll find our 'keepers are made of much sterner stuff. And he'll find goals hard to come by.

Richard Thorn, Bordon, Hants.
● I SEEM to remember similar remarks when Kenny Dalglish ventured South...

I HAVE followed Manchester City for the best part of seven years and that's why it came as such a blow to me to watch Luton's Raddy Antic put us in the Second Division.

City have fielded some great players in years gone by, stars like Denis Law, Mike Summerbee, Rodney Marsh, Brian Kidd and, more recently Joe Corrigan and Trevor Francis.

One of the things that will be most missed next season will be the Manchester derby clashes with United. Even United fans are sad that City's demotion will deprive them of the excitement of derby games.

But I'm sure that this omission from the Manchester sporting calendar will be for one season only. Manchester City are sure to bounce back to the top.
Simon Stephens (12), Stockport, Greater Manchester.

HERE in Australia, we watched the live telecast of the FA Cup Final Replay at four in the morning... but it was well worth waiting up for.

As a Manchester United follower, I was delighted to see Bryan Robson and Co. blitz Brighton 4-0 and what a great birthday present it must have been for Sir Matt Busby.
Casey Greer, Penrith, New South Wales, Australia.

I WAS looking through my programme collection recently and came across one for a match between Swansea and Hillingdon Borough in a 1978 FA Cup tie.

Playing for Hillingdon were Graham Pearce and Alan Davies. Were these the same players to meet in this season's FA Cup Final, Pearce for Brighton and Davies for Manchester United?

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A PROPER CHARLIE!

CHARLIE Nicholas has made a terrible blunder in signing for Arsenal.

'The Gunners' were a boring side last season, providing little ammunition for star striker Tony Woodcock and failing to gain a place in Europe. Charlie may find his goal-scoring opportunities limited at Highbury.

He would have been far better off had he signed for Manchester United. The Old Trafford side are emerging as a great power again, would have suited Charlie's flamboyant skills and would have given the Scot a chance to play in Europe next season.

It seems that the 'blarney' of Arsenal boss Terry Neill has talked the hot-shot Scot into what could be the biggest mistake of his career.

Richard Conway (13), Bury, Lancashire.

● THAT wouldn't be sour grapes from a United supporter, would it?



Charlie Nicholas — made a terrible blunder by signing for Arsenal, says Richard Conway.

Adrian Bytheway, Swansea, West Glamorgan.

● YOU'RE half right. Graham Pearce played for Hillingdon before moving to Barnet and then Brighton. But Manchester United's Alan Davies joined the club straight from school.

I'M amazed that England boss Bobby Robson has yet to give Aston Villa super striker Gary Shaw a full international cap.

Gary has scored some gems this season and should have been included for the British Championship games.

I'm sure that the Villa sharp-shooter will deliver goals for England as soon as he is given the chance.
Oladipo Adelekan, Lagos, Nigeria.

Aston Villa's Gary Shaw — can deliver the goods for England.



MOST of the Liverpool team deserve a good kick up the backside for their performances during the tail-end of the season.

Maybe Liverpool already had the Championship in the bag, but the fact that Liverpool lost five out of their last six matches must make Bob Paisley glad he packed his bags at Anfield!

If Liverpool start next season in such haphazard form, they can wave goodbye to their chances of retaining the trophy.

Ian Marshall, Carlisle, Cumbria.

I DECIDED to conduct a survey to find Match Weekly's most popular First Division teams over the past 20 weeks.

I made a chart by awarding one point for a colour feature and half a point for any other feature. The top five are as follows:

- 1 Manchester United 38 points.
 - 2 Liverpool 35½.
 - 3 Spurs 25.
 - 4 Arsenal 24½.
 - 5 Brighton 20½.
- David Fraser, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.*

I HAVE to congratulate 'Match' for including up-to-date European and U.S. tables.

Is it now possible to publish the results and player ratings for close-season friendly games involving British clubs?
Manwell Debattista, Mrieheil, Malta.

● AFRAID NOT. Our 'Match Facts' service can only be applied to League and Cup games where we have established correspondents. With so many British clubs playing in foreign tournaments, it would be impossible to provide the comprehensive 'Match Facts' service for these games.

THIS is what my friends and myself think is the best First

Division team you could pick:

Pat Jennings (Arsenal), Chris Hughton (Spurs), Arthur Albiston (Man. Utd), Brian Talbot (Arsenal), Russell Osman (Ipswich), Terry Butcher (Ipswich), Bryan Robson (Man. Utd), Arnold Muhren (Man. Utd), Ian Rush (Liverpool), Glenn Hoddle (Spurs), Steve Coppell (Man. Utd), Norman Whiteside (Man. Utd), Manager: Ron Atkinson (Man. Utd). We have named this team 'Match' United.
Allan Colby, Sean Longfield and Kelvyn Cooper (all aged 11).

● Why not call it Manchester United.

Arnold Muhren — one of the many Man. Utd stars included in a special First Division team.



HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

W. GERMANY

(Final positions)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Hamburg | 34 | 20 | 12 | 2 | 79 | 33 | 52 |
| Werder | 34 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 76 | 38 | 52 |
| Stuttgart | 34 | 20 | 8 | 6 | 80 | 47 | 48 |
| Bayern | 34 | 17 | 10 | 7 | 74 | 33 | 44 |
| Cologne | 34 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 69 | 42 | 43 |
| Kaiserslautern | 34 | 14 | 13 | 7 | 57 | 44 | 41 |
| B. Dortmund | 34 | 16 | 7 | 11 | 78 | 62 | 39 |
| Bielefeld | 34 | 12 | 7 | 15 | 46 | 71 | 31 |
| Dusseldorf | 34 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 63 | 75 | 30 |
| Frankfurt | 34 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 48 | 57 | 29 |
| Bayer | 34 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 43 | 66 | 29 |
| B. M'gladbach | 34 | 12 | 4 | 18 | 64 | 63 | 28 |
| Bochum | 34 | 8 | 12 | 14 | 43 | 49 | 28 |
| Nuremberg | 34 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 44 | 70 | 28 |
| Brunswick | 34 | 8 | 11 | 15 | 42 | 65 | 27 |
| Schalke | 34 | 8 | 6 | 20 | 48 | 68 | 22 |
| Karlsruhe | 34 | 7 | 7 | 20 | 48 | 68 | 22 |
| Hertha | 34 | 5 | 10 | 19 | 43 | 67 | 20 |

Leading scorers: 23 — Voeller (Werder Bremen); 21 — Edvaldsson (Fortuna Dusseldorf), Allgoewer (Stuttgart); 20 — Rummenigge (Bayern); 18 — Hrubesch (Hamburg); 17 — Burgsmuller (Borussia Dortmund), Hoeness (Bayern).

FRANCE

(Final table)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Nantes | 38 | 24 | 10 | 4 | 77 | 29 | 58 |
| Bordeaux | 38 | 20 | 8 | 10 | 67 | 48 | 48 |
| Paris SG | 38 | 20 | 7 | 11 | 66 | 49 | 47 |
| Lens | 38 | 18 | 8 | 12 | 64 | 55 | 44 |
| Laval | 38 | 15 | 14 | 9 | 42 | 41 | 44 |
| Monaco | 38 | 14 | 15 | 9 | 55 | 35 | 43 |
| Nancy | 38 | 17 | 7 | 14 | 74 | 61 | 41 |
| Auxerre | 38 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 56 | 48 | 38 |
| Brest | 38 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 53 | 63 | 37 |
| Metz | 38 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 66 | 67 | 37 |
| Tolosa | 38 | 15 | 6 | 17 | 52 | 66 | 36 |
| Sochaux | 38 | 9 | 17 | 12 | 52 | 53 | 35 |
| Lilla | 38 | 13 | 8 | 17 | 38 | 45 | 34 |
| St Etienne | 38 | 11 | 12 | 17 | 41 | 52 | 34 |
| Strasbourg | 38 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 40 | 51 | 33 |
| Rouen | 38 | 11 | 10 | 17 | 45 | 54 | 32 |
| Bastia | 38 | 9 | 14 | 15 | 41 | 52 | 32 |
| Tours | 38 | 12 | 7 | 19 | 58 | 68 | 31 |
| Lione | 38 | 11 | 6 | 21 | 57 | 77 | 28 |
| Mulhouse | 38 | 10 | 8 | 20 | 46 | 76 | 28 |

Leading scorers: 27 — Halilhodzic (Nantes); 24 — Szarmach (Auxerre); 23 — Krimau (Metz); 20 — Lacombe (Bordeaux); 18 — Beltramini (Rouen).

OTHER LEADING SCORERS AROUND EUROPE

GREECE

24 — Anastopulis (Olympiakos); 18 — Mavros (AEK).

POLAND

13 — Okonski (Lech); 10 — Biernat (Pogon); Tiokinski (Widzew).

YUGOSLAVIA

16 — Halilovic (Dinamo Vinkovci); 15 — Mance (Partizan).

USSR

7 — Fink (Chernomoretz).

NORWAY

6 — Aase (Start), Nyseter (Kingsvinger), Krogseter (Lillestrom).

SWEDEN

6 — Ahlstrom (Elfsboro); 5 — Corneliussen (Gothenburg), Nilsson, Larsson (both Malmo).

HUNGARY

22 — Dobany (Pecs); 19 — Hannich (Raba Eto); 17 — Kiss (Vasas), Nyilasi (Ferencvaros).

SWITZERLAND

19 — Brigger (Servette); 15 — Bregy (Sion), Risi (Lucerne), Schneyder (Wettingen).

COLOGNE CLINCH CUP

COLOGNE are the new West German Cup holders thanks to a goal from Pierre Littbarski in the final against Fortuna.

DON CLOSES HIS SWISS ACCOUNT

FORMER Eire striker Don Givens plans to retire following his return to England from Swiss club Neuchatel Xamax.

"I've never wanted to do coaching or managing and I always decided I would not slide down the divisions and live on a name. Too much is even expected in non-League," says the 34-year-old former Birmingham winger.

In two years with the Swiss First Division club, Don never missed a match and scored thirty goals in eighty appearances.

"I've enjoyed two marvellous years in a very good standard of football. There were eyes raised when I came, but I think I justified it in the end. The club were exceptional in the way they treated me and my family," he

says.

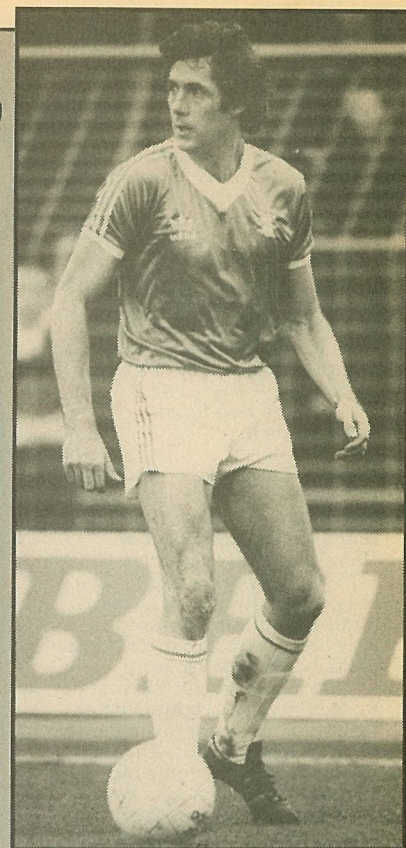
Being lined up to take his place is French star Jean-Francois Larios who recently joined Canadian club Montreal from St Etienne.

Apparently he has been offered a four-year contract although there are doubts whether the North American League club will release him midway through their season.

Don could have stayed on in Switzerland had Neuchatel qualified for the UEFA Cup, as they are allowed two foreign players in that competition.

And he also turned down several offers from other Swiss clubs.

Right: Don Givens is back in England after a two-year spell in Switzerland.



Stars go in massive clear-out

ONE-time top French club St Etienne weren't playing with words when they announced a massive clear-out of star names after finishing in the bottom half of the French First Division.

Five have already moved on and more are set to follow later this summer.

Those who have found other clubs include World Cup star Patrick Battiston, who has joined runners-up Bordeaux.

The others are Jean-Francois Larios to Montreal Manic in Canada, Bernard Genghini (Monaco), Bernard Rousseau (Rouen) and Gerard Janvion (Paris St Germain).

REFEREE RUMPUS DENIED

RUMOURS that Dutch referees have been involved in panic conferences are denied in Holland.

The suggested reason was the return to Holland of former York City striker David Loggie.

He is the controversial character who was sent off three times and received six yellow cards in one season with Sparta, the Rotterdam club coached by Welshman Barry Hughes.

Sparta sold him to Lierse in Belgium last summer. Now he's back in windmill-land with AZ67 — because his Dutch wife was homesick.



Eagles are flying

EDMONTON Eagles, the new Canadian club, made a good start to the Canadian League even without the three Dutch internationals they thought they had signed.

All three dropped out of the deal, using the failure of financial guarantees in a clause of the contract as legitimate reasons for staying at home.

One result is that little PEC Zwolle have snapped up Piet Schrijvers, the 36-year-old Dutch international goalkeeper who was given a free transfer by Ajax.

Martin Eibrink, millionaire owner of PEC, signed him on a three-year contract, part of the deal being that Piet will remain with the club in a coaching capacity when he retires.

● FERENCVAROS, once the dominant power of Hungarian football, had to be content with runners-up place for the second successive year behind Raba Győr.

AJAX MAKE CLEAN SWEEP

WINNING a Cup and League double would be enough for most clubs in any country. But not for Ajax.

After collecting the Dutch Championship and the FA Cup, Ajax under-18s pulled off the national youth title.

And the new Ajax 'babes' managed it comfortably without two of their youth team who were with the national squad in the World Youth Championships in Mexico.

● IN Switzerland, Grasshoppers clinched the League Championship for the 19th time by thrashing Winterthur 6-1 to end the season with an unbeaten home record. Poor Winterthur were not only slammed, but were also relegated.

● NANTES were denied the League and Cup double in France by Osvaldo Ardiles' former club Paris St Germain, who snatched the Cup with a thrilling 3-2 victory.

● KALMAN Meszoly resigned as the national team manager of Hungary following their 1-3 European Championship defeat in Denmark which virtually ends their hopes of reaching next year's Finals in France.

● GUAN Lozano, the Spanish star with Belgian League runners-up Anderlecht, has applied for Belgian nationality.

Lozano and Anderlecht were keen on the idea a year ago, but the player felt such a move would be less than diplomatic until after the World Cup Finals in Spain.

ROSS Jenkins, freed by Watford, is determined to shrug off a troublesome stomach injury before making a decision on his future.

The tall blond striker, who was released after ten years at Vicarage Road, says: "I've been heartened by the number of clubs who have shown interest in me. It's good to know I am still in demand."

"But I won't decide anything for a few weeks yet. I want to be completely free of injury before I join a new club."

The 31-year-old blames the torn muscle for manager Graham Taylor allowing him to leave Watford. He says: "If I had been fit all season I'm sure they would have kept me."

"I tore a muscle early in the season but played a few games with the injury. That didn't do it any good and in the end I missed the last four months of the campaign."

"I was very disappointed when Watford released me. I spent ten very happy years there," says Ross, who played for the club when they were in the Fourth Division.

"I was surprised, but these things happen in football. All good things come to an end. Now I've got to build a new career for myself elsewhere."

Ross is convinced that he can still produce the goods at the highest level and he declares: "I've got no worries on that score. I'm confident of my ability."

"If it hadn't been for the injury I would have played up-front alongside Luther Blissett all last season."

Ross had to wait until he was 30 before he got his first taste of the top flight, but he says: "I found it quite easy and enjoyed it very much."



Striker Ross Jenkins believes a stomach injury cost him his career at Watford.

JENKINS' JOLTER!

Injury puts Watford star's future in the balance

Watford as a team obviously found it to their liking, as they finished runners-up to Liverpool in their first ever season in Division One.

"I was surprised that we did so well. At the beginning of the season we were just looking to establish ourselves at the higher level."

"There was no luck about Watford's season. We played good attacking football and strung some very impressive results together."

"The team were rewarded for a lot of hard work and proved themselves worthy of the First Division. Next season I'm confident that you will see them

challenging for the major honours."

Ross joined Watford from Crystal Palace back in 1973 for a then club record fee of £30,000 and went on to play more than 300 League games for 'The Hornets'.

He says: "It's hard to pick out the highlights of my career because there have been so many, but I suppose the years we won promotion from the Third and Second Division's stand out most."

"I am just happy to have been part of the club's magnificent run and to have played in such a good team set up."

"I'm very sad to leave but I have plenty happy memories of my stay there."

DEVONSHIRE QUIZ WINNERS

THE lucky winner of the Alan Devonshire picture competition which appeared in the June 11 issue of 'Match' is David Roddick of Exeter, Devon, and he wins a super Kodak Disc Camera.

The following ten runners-up each receive a 'Match Weekly' T-shirt: Nicola Margerum, Walthamstow, London; Malcolm Stockwell,

Hampton, Worcs; Annabel Miller, Grimsby, S. Humberside; Tony Shields, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham; Gary Dixon, Marple Bridge, Cheshire; Andrew Fryatt, Iver, Bucks; David Ling, Blaxhall, E. Suffolk; Tracy Jordon, Tupsley, Hereford; Alan Webb, Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton; and Andrew Marsh, Sheet, Hants.

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FULL NAME: Clive Darren Allen.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Stepney, London/May 20, 1961.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 11ins/12st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Lisa.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: BMW.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: QPR, Arsenal and Crystal Palace.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
WORST EVER INJURY: 1982 FA Cup Final. I tore ligaments after just two minutes.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish — the most complete forward in Britain.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Spurs — my father, Les, had so much success there.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Italy's Paolo Rossi for his team play and scoring ability.
BEST CURRENT BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Neal (England), Hansen (Scotland), Lawrenson (Eire), Sansom, Hoddle (England), Souness (Scotland), Robson (England), Dalglish (Scotland), Stapleton (Eire), Coppell (England).
BEST CURRENT INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton, Breitner (W. Germany), Pasarella (Argentina), Oscar (Brazil), Gentile (Italy), Maradona (Argentina), Zico (Brazil), Rossi (Italy), Socrates (Brazil), Conti (Italy), Platini (France).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Tottenham's White Hart Lane.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Olympic Stadium, Berlin.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Last season against Cambridge. I flicked the ball over my head and hit it on the half volley.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Glenn Hoddle's volley against Man. Utd in the

FOCUS ON QPR'S CLIVE ALLEN

League Cup Second Round, August 1979.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Too many to mention.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scoring a hat-trick on my full League debut for QPR against Coventry, April 1979.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Reaching the FA Cup Final with QPR in 1982.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being injured in the above game after only two minutes.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Squash and tennis.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving and eating out.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smokers and ignorant people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: American football on Channel Four.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Doctor Who.
FAVOURITE READING: Jeffery Archer (Kane and Abel).
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Stevie Wonder.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and veal.
FAVOURITE DRINK: White wine and tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Mauritius.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman/Bo Derek.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: On Golden Pond.
BEST FRIEND: My wife.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, Les.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England schoolboy, youth and under 21 caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and secure in life.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a full England cap.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To own a business.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Tony Cottee of West Ham.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Joe Theismann, a quarter back for Washington Redskins.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to advice and work hard for what you think is right.



Glenn Hoddle — scorer of the best goal Clive has seen.

